

The Journey

(Philippians 3:10-13)

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Egypt Kingdom of Darkness Rejecting	The Red Sea Entrance to God's Kingdom		Wilderness Edges of God's Kingdom Wandering	Promised Land Center of God's Kingdom Conquering	Heaven Completion of God's Kingdom Reigning
	Awakening	Believing			
Condemnation	Conviction	Commitment	Compromise	Crucified	Completion
Lost	Stirred	Saved	Carnal	Spiritual	Perfect
Enslaved to Sin	Aware of Sin	Forgiven for Sin	Harboring Sin	Resisting Sin	Removal of Sin
Ignoring God	Acknowledging God	Receiving God	Doubting God	Cooperating with God	Communing with God
Hard Heart	Broken Heart	New Heart	Half Heart	Whole Heart	Perfect Heart

Redemptive
Raised to Life

The Chart above is a picture of the Journey of the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt into the Promised Land. This is symbolic of the Christian's Journey from being lost to discovering salvation, sanctification and ultimately perfection in Heaven.

The reality is that believers go through a process of Sanctification after their Initial Salvation experience. This process involves daily choosing (in each area of their lives) EITHER to embrace Redemptive Suffering (so that sin is defeated) OR to compromise (and let sin manifest itself). To enter the Promised Land in some areas of your life, you must endure suffering. Jesus called this 'taking up your cross daily and following Him' which means, that in the power of the Holy Spirit, we 'take our stand against sin and Satan' and resist temptation—which will 'feel like' we are dying (ie: suffering). (Matthew 16:24-26)

The promise of God is that IF we will suffer **WITH HIM** by resisting sin, after a little while Satan will flee and God, Himself, will restore us making us strong, firm and steadfast. (1 Peter 5: 6-11)

While it is technically possible for a believer to receive Christ and move immediately into 'Promised Land' living in their lives, all believers have a few areas in which they struggle to 'enter into' the promised land. In fact, **even though you are 'saved', based on your daily experience**, you may 'feel like' you are living in the Wilderness or even Egypt in some areas of your life. We must realize that we can have some areas of life where we are cooperating with God and others where we are still doubting Him or even ignoring Him. POSITIONALLY, we are complete in Christ and secure, but EXPERIENTIALLY we are incomplete making progress in some areas while floundering in others. (Deuteronomy 7:22-23)

The Goal is to **recognize and admit** the truth about areas where we are not in the Promised Land, **repent** of our selfishness and fear, **choose** to embrace the suffering of the cross in that area of life, and **resist**—standing fast until the enemy flees and God brings relief and healing.

Use the 'Assess Where You Are in Your Spiritual Journey' tool and put an 'X' in the appropriate box for each area. When completed, look and see how many 'X's' you have in the 'Promised Land' compared to those in the Wilderness, Red Sea and Egypt. **Remember, 'there is now NO condemnation in Christ Jesus', the purpose is to honestly see where you really are so that you'll know what steps to take next.**

Once we know 'where we are', then what we need is a Battle Plan...**God's Battle Plan**...

Rate yourself by putting an 'X' in the appropriate box for each habit. **For Wilderness and Promised Land answers, select 1 of the 2 words in parenthesis to clarify your situation.** *Remember, 'there is now NO condemnation in Christ Jesus', the purpose of this exercise is to identify 'where you really are' so that you'll know what steps to take next.

Assess Where You Are in Your Spiritual Journey

Habits of Your Life	Egypt Not Ready to Deal with This	Red Sea Desire to Begin	Wilderness Not There Yet (Rarely OR Sometimes)	Promised Land Consistent Lifestyle (Often OR Always)
Good Spiritual Habits				
Practicing Daily Bible Reading (Devotions)				
Practicing Daily Confession & Repentance				
Practicing Daily Prayer for Self & Others				
Experiencing God's Love & Forgiveness				
Practicing Forgiveness of Others				
Attending Church Regularly				
Participating in a Small Group/Ministry Team				
Serving others in Church or the Community				
Overcoming Worry & Anxiety				
Experiencing Contentment				
Experiencing Truth & Purity in Thought Life				
Reaching out to Unbelievers				
Good Relational Habits				
Experiencing Healthy Friendships				
Experiencing Harmony in your Family				
Experiencing Sexual Purity				
Experiencing Good Communication				
Learning from a Mentor or Coach				
Mentoring or Coaching Other People				
Treating Everyone with Respect				
Good Personal & Professional Habits				
Managing Time: (Balance work, home, etc)				
Managing Time: (On time & meeting deadlines)				
Managing Money: (Living on 80% or less)				
Managing Money: (Saving 10% or more)				
Managing Money: (Giving 10% or more)				
Managing Talents: (Excelling at Work)				
Managing Talents: (Enjoying Hobbies)				
Managing Integrity: (Being Honest)				
Managing Integrity: (Submitting to Authority)				
Good Health Habits				
Eating Right Foods (Quality & Quantity)				
Regular Exercise (3 times/week or more)				
Sufficient Sleep each Night (7-8 hours)				