

### I. INTRO/REVIEW

- A. It's complicated—it doesn't have to be

**Psalm 127:1-3 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. <sup>2</sup> In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves. <sup>3</sup> Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

- B. There is a responsibility with kids

**Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NIV)** <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- C. A family church

### II. AN EXAMPLE

- A. For our example

**1 Corinthians 10:1-5 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup> I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. <sup>2</sup> In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. <sup>3</sup> All of them ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

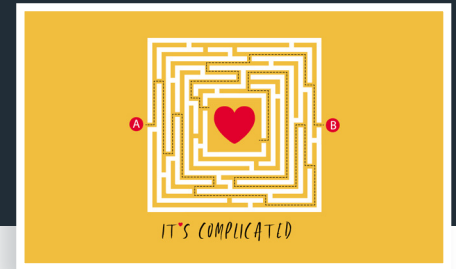
**1 Corinthians 10:11 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

- B. The key players in this example

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  - Pharaoh – A type of Satan, the god of this world
  - Egypt – A type of world system and culture
  - Moses – A type of Jesus our deliverer
  - Promise Land – A type of overcoming life in Christ
  - Three Day Journey – A type of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus

- C. Let my people go!

**Exodus 3:18 (NIV)** <sup>18</sup> “The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.’



**Exodus 3:19-22 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup>“But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand forces him. <sup>20</sup>So I will raise my hand and strike the Egyptians, performing all kinds of miracles among them. Then at last he will let you go. <sup>21</sup>And I will cause the Egyptians to look favorably on you. They will give you gifts when you go so you will not leave empty-handed. <sup>22</sup>Every Israelite woman will ask for articles of silver and gold and fine clothing from her Egyptian neighbors and from the foreign women in their houses. You will dress your sons and daughters with these, stripping the Egyptians of their wealth.”

### III. WE HAVE AN ENEMY

A. Pharaoh gives us a picture of how the enemy works in our lives

1. Stay in Egypt

**Exodus 8:25 (NLT)** <sup>25</sup>Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. “All right! Go ahead and offer sacrifices to your God,” he said. “But do it here in this land.”

2. Don't go too far

**Exodus 8:28 (NLT)** <sup>28</sup>“All right, go ahead,” Pharaoh replied. “I will let you go into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord your God. But don't go too far away. Now hurry and pray for me.”

4. Leave the herds and flocks

**Exodus 10:24 (NLT)** <sup>24</sup>Finally, Pharaoh called for Moses. “Go and worship the Lord,” he said. “But leave your flocks and herds here. You may even take your little ones with you.”

- True worship requires sacrifice

3. Men only, no women or children

**Exodus 10:10-11 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup>Pharaoh retorted, “The Lord will certainly need to be with you if I let you take your little ones! I can see through your evil plan. <sup>11</sup>Never! Only the men may go and worship the Lord, since that is what you requested.” And Pharaoh threw them out of the palace.

B. Anywhere worth going is worth taking the kids with

**Psalm 145:4 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup>Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.

### IV. DON'T STOP THEM

**Matthew 19:14 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup>But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.”