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HOUSE OF FAITH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

"Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth & families since 1994"

So You Wanna Go Back to Egypt

By Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director

That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."
Numbers 14:1-4 NIV

Spring is already upon us and we are headed soon to our **annual Family Camp at HEB Foundation Camp** in Leakey, TX. This is our theme for camp this year and we are very excited to tell you about it.

Can you picture that moment described above? Here are God's people, the nation of Israel, and they are right on the verge of stepping into the Promised Land, the very land the Lord had promised to their ancestors so many years before. The 10 plagues and Red Sea were behind them, as well as the destruction of Pharaoh's army - not to mention the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness with the miracles of manna, water from a rock, and clothes and shoes that never wore out!

Scripture reveals that just before the passage shown above the 12 spies had toured the Promised Land and their recommendations were NOT unanimous. Only 2 said "GO!", while the 10 said "NO!" Even though an entire generation had experienced the supernatural intervention and provision of Almighty God, with one voice they cried out for the comforts of slavery back in Egypt.

The New Testament tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:11 that these things happened to them as an example for us, and they were written down for our instruction. It begs the question, "What can we learn from this story?"

One of the several things that stand out to me is **the choice of who is being listened to**. Do we listen to those who merely make a logical and practical argument based on undisputable evidence? Or, do we choose to listen to those who, while in possession of the same evidence, see the situation through eyes of faith?

Would you agree that it is vital that we surround ourselves with others who will reinforce the blessings and promises of God, rather than promote fear and discouragement? We are all human and the tendency of all of us is to "go back to Egypt" when difficulties arise in our journey of faith.

Thank you for being part of what reminds us of the blessings and promises of God!!! Please join us in praying for the families who will be attending this year's camp and please also pray for us as we take advantage of the opportunity to **speak life and reinforce the blessings and promises of God to them!**

In Him and for them,

Kevin





MISSION STATEMENT

House of Faith exists to take Jesus to neighborhood children, youth and families, provide a sense of belonging and strengthen their faith, enabling them to honor God with their lives and offer themselves in service to Him.

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Upcoming Events:

- **March 3-5: Family Camp** at the HEB Foundation Camp in Leakey, Texas
- **March 6-10: Restoration Week**
A group of students from Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, IL will be here volunteering for a week.
- **March 13-17: Spring Break (Office Closed)**
- **March 28: House of Faith 101 Luncheon, 12-1pm**
Come join us for lunch and find out more about House of Faith and how God is and has been working here!
- **March 30: House of Faith fundraiser day at Chili's Restaurant**
Mention House of Faith at Chili's all day long and they will donate a percentage of your purchase total to House of Faith.



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