

# Up From Slavery

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FACING FREEDOM:  
WHAT HAS GOD SAID?  
EXODUS 14:1-4

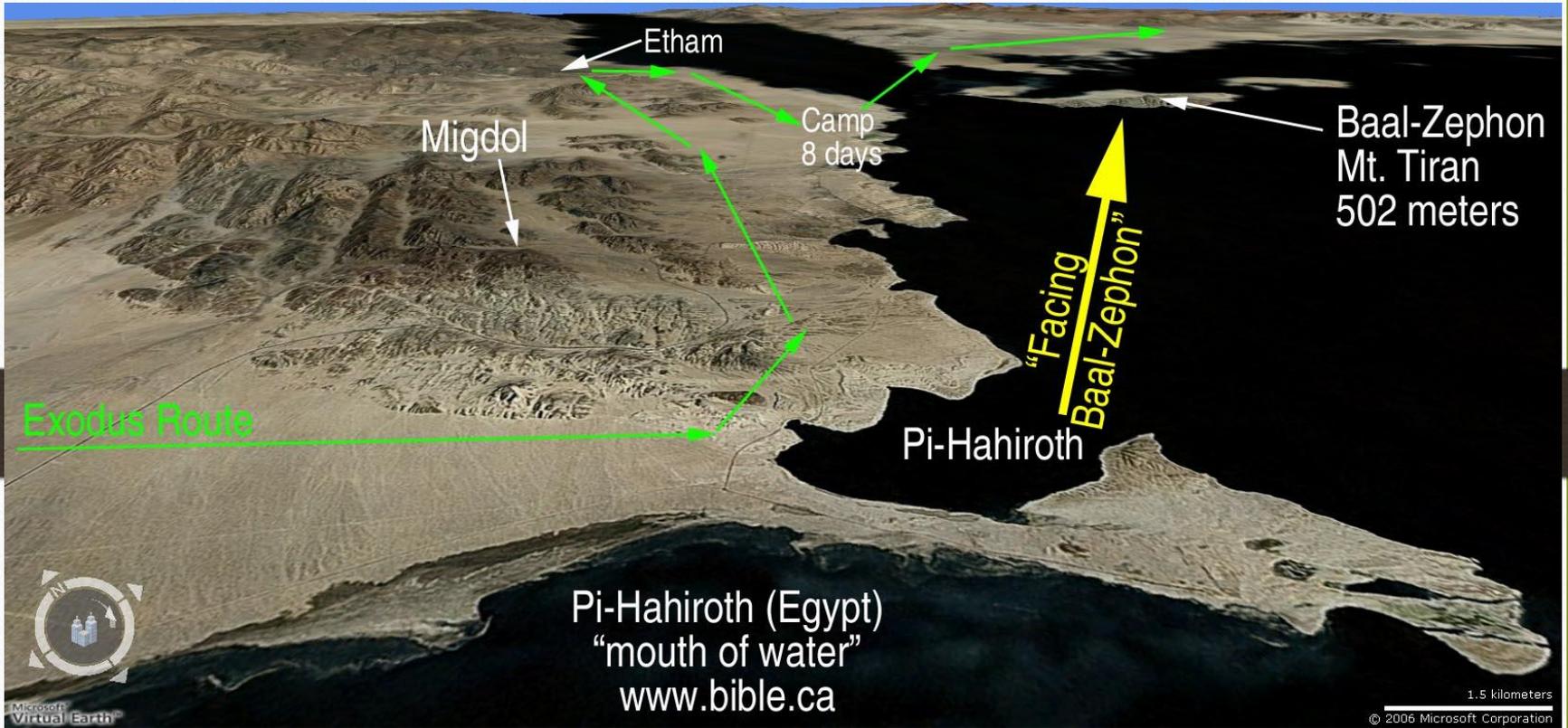
## Questions that *Must* be Answered

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- What has God said? 14:1-4
- What are our options? 14:5-14
- How does God want us to accomplish his will?  
14:15-18

## Exodus 14:1-4

Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. <sup>3</sup> Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ <sup>4</sup> And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this.



Exodus Route

Migdol

Etham

Camp  
8 days

Baal-Zephon  
Mt. Tiran  
502 meters

"Facing  
Baal-Zephon"

Pi-Hahiroth

Pi-Hahiroth (Egypt)  
"mouth of water"  
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## The need to UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD WANTS

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  - a) An unnatural response
  - b) A real problem
  - c) A real need: to know God's word & voice

## The VOICE. . .

- that calls us to practical holiness.

<sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15–16

- that calls us to love.

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34–35

## The VOICE. . .

- that calls us to obedience.

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

<sup>22</sup> Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. John 14:15–24

## The VOICE. . .

- that calls us to sacrificial living.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1–2

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  - d) **Cautions**

## Cautions:

- Realize that God's guidance is not a one size fits all proposition.
- God will not guide us in a way that calls us to violate the clear revelation of his will as revealed in his word.
- The presence of adversity is neither an affirmation nor a denial of God's direction.
  - Responding to God's call will bring growth in Christ like character.
  - The big things begin with small thing obedience.

# The need to UNDERSTAND WHAT TO EXPECT

- Criticism
- Conflict
- Conquest

## The need to UNDERSTAND the BENEFITS

1. God's purposes
2. God's plan
3. The product

## To Go . . .

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- Am I where God wants me to be?
- Am I doing what He wants me to do?
- Are you able to peacefully and securely rest in God's will?