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## Exodus 13:17

Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them *by way* of the land of the Philistines, although that *was near*; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”



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## Deuteronomy 8:2

And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

# Four Things Not to Do While Waiting:

- Don't Fear
- Don't Fret
- Don't Faint
- Don't Forget

## Deuteronomy 1:28

Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, “The people *are* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.””

## Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

## Numbers 21:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.”

## **Proverbs 19:2 (NKJV)**

Also it is not good *for* a soul *to be* without knowledge,  
And he sins who hastens with *his* feet.

## **Proverbs 19:2 (TLB)**

It is dangerous and sinful to rush into the unknown.



## Psalm 37:7-8

**7 Rest** in the Lord, and **wait patiently** for Him;  
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,  
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to  
pass.

**8** Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;  
Do not fret—*it only causes harm.*

## Numbers 14:2-4

<sup>2</sup> And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them,

“**If only** we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” <sup>4</sup> So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.”

## **Galatians 6:9**

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

## Psalm 106:7-8, 13

<sup>7</sup> Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders;

They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea—the Red Sea.

<sup>8</sup> Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power known.

<sup>13</sup> They soon **forgot His works;**

They did not wait for His counsel

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