

“Be The Light”

God’s “Detours” ~ October 24 & 25, 2009

Why does God allow so many “detours” in life??

1. Because God knows we’re not ready for the big battles yet

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. Exodus chapter 13 verses 17 & 18 (54)

- God leads us on “detours” because He knows we can’t face enemies we don’t even know exist!

2. God builds our faith through daily provision

- God provided food daily (*Exodus 16*)
- God provided water daily (*Numbers 20*)
- God provided protection daily (*Exodus 14*)
- God provided direction daily (*Numbers 9*)
- God provided clothing daily (*Deuteronomy 8*)

3. God builds our faith through miraculous provision

- God parted the Red Sea (*Exodus 14*)
- God destroyed the strongest army in the world (*Exodus 15*)
- God fought for them and gave them huge military victories (*Joshua 6*)

4. God knows that all of this matures us & gets us ready for bigger things ahead

God said, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua chapter 1 verse 9 (168)

- God is more concerned with our character & maturity than He is with the speed by which we reach our destination

Please join us for one of our “Be The Light” information meetings

- Monday, November 2nd & Tuesday, November 3rd (*identical meetings*)
- Starts at 7 pm done by 8:45 pm (*you’ll be out by the end of the 2nd inning!*)
- Childcare (*up to grade 5*) will be provided on Tuesday only
- Please RSVP to the church office (*info on back of bulletin*) by this Tuesday
- If you need childcare on Tuesday, when you RSVP let us know how many kids & their ages
- Appetizers & desserts will be served

Next Week: Taking Risks for God