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**Getting closer to God through Exodus**

**2Co 2:14-15**

*But thanks be to God! For in union with Christ we are always led by God as prisoners in Christ's victory procession. God uses us to make the knowledge about Christ spread everywhere like a sweet fragrance. (15) For we are like a sweet-smelling incense offered by Christ to God, which spreads among those who are being saved and those who are being lost.*

**Rom 3:23**

*everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence.*

**I) Leave Behind**

1. Loosening
2. Identity Crisis
3. Realization
4. Disorientation

**II) The Desert**

- No easy way out
- Size of your desert
- Shifting the desert

**III) A new beginning**

- Anticipate it
- You can miss it!

### Our response?

1. Survival mode – follow our own heads
2. Backing-off
3. Control freaks
4. Unbelief
5. Following God's voice

God will **hide** our long term plans from us, not because God is confused about your future, but because we are not **ready** for it.

### Advantage of Exodus

1. Nothing will cut us loose from Jesus' love for us.
2. God will not wait at the end of the race – He is with us.

*Joh 14:2-3*

*There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. (3) And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.*