

Who Moved My Cheese? Part One: Letting Go of Egypt

We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost us nothing...would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt...Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.

Numbers 11:5, Numbers 14:4-5

1. Egypt as a place of **Refuge**, the book of Genesis

- For Abraham, Genesis 12:10 *Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.*
- For Isaac, Genesis 26:1-2 *Now there was a famine in the land...And the LORD appeared to [Isaac] and said "Do not go down to Egypt, dwell in the land of which I shall tell you.*
- For Jacob, Genesis 46:3-4 *Jacob, Jacob...I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again.*
- For Joseph, Genesis 50:19-20 *Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.*

Egypt could be a comfort zone to Abraham and his family

2. Egypt as a place of **external bondage** and-slavery, the book of Exodus.

But this comfort zone turned into a place of misery. *So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves, and made their lives bitter with hard service. Exodus 1:13-14*

Yesterday's comfort zone can become today's bondage place.

3. Egypt as a memory of how God protected us in the past, a place in **Inner bondage**. Numbers 11:5 and 14:1-5

We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost us nothing, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, garlic—but now our strength is dried up and there is nothing to look at but this manna.

-the rabble and the people of Israel

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Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.

The whole congregation

Someone said “the greatest obstacle to God’s working in your life today is what he did in your life yesterday.”

Took me out of Egypt, by David Baroni

Lord, I feel so empty seems like we’re so far apart
Even though some may applaud me You alone can see my heart
You don’t look at my achievements or my ability
All you really want is all of me
And though it frightens me to give control
There is only room for one King
In the throne room of my heart.

Lord you took me out of Egypt
Now take Egypt out of me
You delivered me from Pharaoh now set me free from me
Let my heart become a promised land
Where the desert used to be
Lord you took me out of Egypt
Now take Egypt out of me.

So what? What comfort zone has a hold on me and how is God asking me to let go of it?