

LEAVING BEHIND WHAT NEEDS LEFT BEHIND

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The rhythm of a God-guided life:

Glimpse – Descent – Breakthrough

People had the tendency to make it a Moses vs. Pharaoh deal.

The plagues made it clear it was Moses' God vs. Pharaoh's gods/goddesses

Plague of Blood.....Hapi, god of Nile
Plague of Frogs.....Heqet, goddess of childbirth, face of a frog
Plague of Gnats.....Shu, god of air
Plague of Flies.....Nut, god of sky
Plague of Livestock.....Hathor, sky goddess, image of a cow
Plague of Boils.....Amanuet, goddess of protection
Plague of Hail.....Seth, god of wind & storms
Plague of Locusts.....Geb, god of earth
Plague of Darkness.....Ra, sun god
Plague of Firstborn.....Anhur, god of war

When you find yourself in the middle of a plague...

- Lord, are you calling me to leave behind some things in order to embrace what's next?
- God, what are you showing me about who I am?
- Where do I hear the voice of the Spirit saying, "*Surrender this to me...*"

Exodus 12:31-32

³¹ During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested. ³² Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me."

Mark 14:12

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

- The Passover Meal became the Last Supper in Jesus.
- The Night-to-be-Remembered became Maundy Thursday in Jesus.
- The death of the firstborn is now the death of the firstborn of the Father, his only begotten full of grace and truth.
- The blood of the Passover lamb that was sprinkled on the doorframes of homes becomes the blood of the Lamb of God who washes over a human heart—taking it from as "red as scarlet to as white as snow."
- Just as God provided an exodus out of enslavement in Egypt; Jesus made a way for anyone to find an exodus out of enslavement to sin and self.
- Therefore, John the Baptist points to Jesus of Nazareth and says... .."*Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*" – John 1:29