

GOD'S WAY = LONG & WINDING WAY

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Exodus 13:17-18

¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea...



Deuteronomy 8:2-5 (looking back on the blue line)

² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

- God doesn't guarantee us the shortest route, He guarantees us His presence.
- Don't sin in the wilderness, you'll just be there longer.
- The Lord is much better at fighting our battles than we are.