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Podcast Worksheet
Leaving Egypt: Why is it Hard to Leave Our Bondage?

Scriptural Texts:
Isaiah 43:1-21

Main Points:

1. Reasons we stay in Egypt and don't travel with God to the Promised Land include: fear it will be unfamiliar, and fear it will be uncomfortable, difficult, and scary.
2. When we don't trust God, we get stuck in the wilderness.
3. God has proven his faithfulness to us and his believability by sending his Son to die in payment for our sins. He has redeemed us.
4. God loves us and knows us intimately. We are highly valued by him.
5. We do not need to be afraid because God promises to be with us every step of the way.
6. To make the journey with God, we need to know him and believe him.
7. It is in the process of trusting God that he reveals himself to us.
8. God promises to make a way through our desert, even if we can't see any possibility of a way.
9. God's plan for us is to take us to a place we will feel content, where we will thrive.
10. It's in the journey that we will be made new, not in the deliverance.

Questions:

1. Where do you see yourself on your journey with God? In Egypt, Letting-Go Wilderness, or in the Promised Land? Explain.

2. What fears tend to keep you stuck?

3. List a few promises from Isaiah 43 that increase your faith and give you courage to trust God?

Prayer of Response:
Lord God, I know you've been working in my life and have given me a level of faith. But I also know there are areas where I'm letting fear keep me stuck. Please help me relinquish all fear and learn the truth—that you are trustworthy. With your help I will put my confidence in your promises, that you love me, are with me, and have redeemed my life. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____

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