

By the time we reach the second book of the Bible, the promise God made to Abraham appears close to dead. The promise is enslaved in Egypt with Abraham's descendants. The promise is in need of a path out of bondage.

**1) A people who cry out (2:23-25)**

Describe how you have seen God do for you what he did for his people in these verses.

- God hears our groanings. What has God heard you groaning about? Do you believe He hears you?
  
- God remembers his covenant. Do you ever feel forgotten by God? Why? How often do you forget God's promises to you?
  
- God sees our bondage. What sin habits still seem like they have mastery over you?
  
- God knows the way out. You really believe God knows what you are going through? ...that he knows how you got in to this mess? ...how to get you out? How have you seen God get you out of a difficult circumstance?

**2) A judgment that passes over (12:21-23)**

Describe the love you have for your first born child.

How would you feel if you knew there was a killer virus that was killing all the first born children in our community? If you knew there were specific instruction that would prevent the death of your child, how closely would you follow them? What emotion would you feel or express if your child was one of the few that survived?

Do you participate in communion with the same level of seriousness? Why or why not?

**3) A warrior who gets in between (14:10-20)**

What do you think of the attitude of the people in v. 11-12? Have you ever expressed complaints like that?

Does your former life and sin-masters often still have a tug on your heart? Why or why not?

Describe something you once left behind that you have returned to.

Do you ever feel like taking your next step of faith is too risky? Why or why not?

God tells the people to fear not, stand firm, look up, look around, and shut up. Has God said similar things to you? About what?

How have you seen God fight for you lately?

**4) A point to cross through (14:21-31)**

If you had been crossing through the Red Sea with the walls of water on the left and right, would you have been strutting, saying, "That's right! Go God!" or sprinting, saying, "Hurry, we are all going to die"?

Discuss this statement: *It's not the strength of your faith that gets you through to the other side, but the object of your faith.*

The Christian life begins at a crossing point. Which side are you on? When and where did you cross over?

*Hebrews 11:29, "By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned."*

**Additional Scripture**

- Psalm 106:7-12
- Matthew 2:13-15
- 1Corinthians 5:7
- 1Peter 1:18-19
- Hebrews 11:28-29