

# Are We There Yet?

## The Six Phases of Faith – Part 4

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### Dream – Decision – Delay Difficulty – Dead-End – Deliverance

*When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them along the road to the land of the Philistines, even though it was nearby; for God said, “The people will change their minds and return to Egypt if they face war.”*

Exodus 13:17

1. God uses delays to prepare us
2. God uses delays to test us

*The LORD your God led you on the entire journey these forty years in the wilderness, so that He might humble you and test you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands.*

Deuteronomy 8:2

## 4 THINGS NOT TO DO IN PHASE 3

### 1. Don't Fear

*But the people refused to go in and rebelled against the Lord's command... [They said] “What are we getting into? Our brothers who spied out the land have frightened us with their report.”*

Deuteronomy 1:26,28 TLB

**Instead: Focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed. I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you.*

Isaiah 41:10

### 2. Don't Fret

*But the people became impatient because of the journey. The people spoke against God and Moses...*

Numbers 21:4-5

*Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for Him to act... Don't fret and worry. It only leads to harm.*

Psalms 37:7-8 TLB

**Instead: \_\_\_\_\_ and wait patiently.**

### 3. Don't Faint

*All the Israelites complained about Moses... “If only we had died in the land of Egypt!... Let's appoint a leader and go back to Egypt.”*

Numbers 14:2-4

**Instead: Be \_\_\_\_\_ and pray.**

*So we must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.*

Galatians 6:9

*...pray always and not become discouraged*

Luke 18:1

### 4. Don't Forget

*Our fathers in Egypt did not...remember Your many acts of faithful love; instead they rebelled by the Red Sea. Yet He saved them because of His name, to make His power known... They soon forgot His works and would not wait for His counsel.*

Psalms 106:7

**Instead: \_\_\_\_\_ remember**

**God's promises.**

*I will bless the Lord and not forget the glorious things He does for me.*

Psalms 103:2 TLB

*The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you...*

2 Peter 3:9

*“But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!”*

Habakkuk 2:3

*\*All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted*