



True North | Week 1
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Big Idea

God is totally consistent and absolutely unpredictable.

Exodus 13:17-18 NLT

¹⁷When Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them along the main road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. God said, "If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

¹⁸ So God led them in a roundabout way through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. Thus the Israelites left Egypt like an army ready for battle.

God may lead you in a direction that does not make sense.

Isaiah 55:8-9 NLT

⁸ "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord.
"And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine."

⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Psalms 147:5 MSG

Our Lord is great, with limitless strength;
we'll never comprehend what he knows and does.

God's way through the wilderness:

- His schedule: slower
- His route: longer
- His plan: better