

I Corinthians 10:1-12

Desiring
Egypt

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Great Sphinx and the pyramids of Giza in Egypt. The Sphinx is a large limestone statue with a human face and a lion's body, partially buried in the sand. The pyramids are visible in the distance under a clear blue sky. The text "Desiring Egypt" is overlaid on the image in a stylized, hand-drawn font. "Desiring" is in pink with a black outline, and "Egypt" is in white with a black outline.

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Exodus 5 — Moses comes to set them free

Exodus 14 — Running from Pharaoh

Exodus 15:22-24 — Bitter water of Marah

Exodus 16:1-3 — Hunger

Exodus 17:1-3 — Thirst

Exodus 32 — Moses on Mount Sinai

Numbers 11 — Lack of meat

Numbers 12 — Miriam & Aaron complain against Moses

Numbers 14 — Conquering Canaan

Numbers 16 — Korah rebels against Moses's leadership

Numbers 16:41 — Complaints against Korah's punishment

Numbers 20:1-5 — Lack of water

Numbers 21:1-9 — Impatient with journey

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"It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." (Exodus 14:12)

"The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by pots of meat and ate all the bread we wanted. Instead, you brought us into this wilderness to make this whole assembly die of hunger!" (Exodus 16:3)

"But the people thirsted there for water and grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you ever bring us up from Egypt to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" (Exodus 17:3)

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“The riffraff among them had a strong craving for other food. The Israelites wept again and said, “Who will feed us meat? We remember the free fish we ate in Egypt, along with the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic. But now our appetite is gone; there’s nothing to look at but this manna!” (Numbers 11:4-6)

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“All the Israelites complained about Moses and Aaron, and the whole community told them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us into this land to die by the sword? Our wives and children will become plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” So they said to one another, “Let’s appoint a leader and go back to Egypt.” (Numbers 14:2-4)

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“There was no water for the community, so they assembled against Moses and Aaron. The people quarreled with Moses and said, “If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the Lord. Why have you brought the Lord’s assembly into this wilderness for us and our livestock to die here? Why have you led us up from Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It’s not a place of grain, figs, vines, and pomegranates, and there is no water to drink!” (Numbers 20:2-5)

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“ Then they set out from Mount Hor by way of the Red Sea to bypass the land of Edom, but the people became impatient because of the journey. The people spoke against God and Moses: “Why have you led us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread or water, and we detest this wretched food!” (Numbers 21:4,5)

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But they had forgotten:
they were abused slaves while in Egypt.

God was taking them to a great land which
had been promised to their ancestors.

We must remember:
our past lives of sin are enough and
only had us on a path to hell.

God desires to lead us to a better
eternal home of promise.

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