17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter.

Psalm 105:17-19 “He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. His feet they hurt with shackles; he was put in chains of iron, until the time that his word (of prophecy regarding his brothers) came true, the word of the Lord TESTED and Refined him.
2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Colossians 3: 1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer." -- Corrie Ten Boom
We can never see what He can do until we are put in a situation where we have no control.

Living in the natural and trying to manage things ourselves.

Living in the spiritual and trusting God with what we have no control over.

"Peace is not the absence of conflict; it's the absence of inner conflict."

Do you trust God when a door is shut?
Exodus 13:17 - When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.”
Psalm 18:17–19 (AMP)
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy and from those who hated and abhorred me, for they were too strong for me.
18 They confronted and came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay and support.
19 He brought me forth also into a large place; He was delivering me because He was pleased with me and delighted in me.

In the wilderness you will learn so much about how HE FEELS ABOUT YOU.

Have you surrendered?
20 After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert.
21 By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.
22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.