

EXODUS

#### Exodus 12:31-32

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. <sup>32</sup> Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me."

Your ability to choose is the most spiritual activity you will ever engage in.



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So often when it comes to our freedom, we want God's outcome but not God's process.



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"We so often would rather accept the comfort and safety of a past that holds us captive, than the mystery and uncertainty of a future that sets us free."

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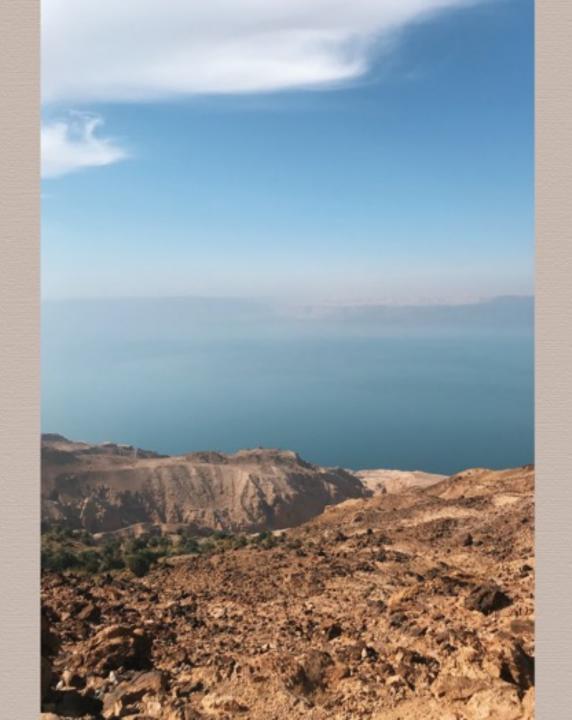
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First, we need to arrest our backward movement by making the choice to say no to our past.

Then we need to create some forward movement by saying yes to our future.



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