**Going Back to Egypt**

*For the week of* **May 1, 2016**

[Scripture and questions for further study]

Israel faced a great many challenges when leaving Egypt. The most potent challenge was the journey through the wilderness. Take time this week to study this passage and to take a good look at the wilderness you have gone through or you are going through.

1. Numbers 13:1-3; 17-33
2. Numbers 14:1-35
3. Psalm 56
4. Philippians 4:4-9

**Questions for Further Study**

1. The Lord has called the people to explore the land that He had promised them. What are they to look for? What report did they bring back? How did fear overcome them? How easy is it to let fear keep us from confidently moving into God’s Promised Land? How is that happening in your life? In your church?
2. Israel lets fear grab them and they decide to “go back to Egypt.” How tempting is it, in times of transition, to want to go back to “the good ole days?” How were those days not as rosy as you remember? How does God respond to this “going back?” What tragedy do we face if we let fear control us and not follow God into His bright future?
3. How does this Psalm of David speak to the fear that we encounter when facing the unknown? How would our response to fear change if we sang this song on a daily basis?
4. How does Paul encourage us in times of change, transition, and the unknown? How does prayer play a role in our overcoming fear and anxiety? What hope do we have knowing that God will guard our hearts in all circumstances? How does this passage help us move into the future God has for us?