

the TAKE HOME 12.11.16

Sermon Notes

Today's Scripture Passages:

"I am the light of the world. **Whoever follows me** will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

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. **Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.** Exodus 12:21-22

"I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

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." 18 So **God led the people around** by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle. Exodus 13:17-18

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and **stood behind them**, 20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. Exodus 14:19-20

"In the evening **you will know** that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?"...You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD ." 9 Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.' " 10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the **glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.** Exodus 16:9-10

Application and Reflection...

- Jesus will always be in front of you lighting the way. How does that speak to you today?
- Will you trust that Jesus knows what's best for you right now, even though the way He is leading you doesn't make sense?
- With the things that threaten you, will you stand firm and let Jesus show Himself strong on your behalf?
- Will you allow God to use the thing you are complaining about most to help you know Him better?
- Will you allow God to get the glory from this same situation?

Jesus will always be there to light your way.

Exodus 12:21-22

Jesus lights the way even when it doesn't make sense.

Exodus 13:17-18

Jesus' light stands between you and things that threaten you.

Exodus 14:19-20

Jesus' light turns your complaints into opportunities to know and glorify

Him. Exodus 16:1-10