

*The direction GOD leads may not seem right to us – but we have to trust in HIS plan if we are going to be “Following GOD”.*

## Proverbs 3:5-6

*As I’ve be “Following GOD” - every seven years, I’ve seen GOD advance my ministry.*

- A. 1993 – Met JESUS at the cross
- B. 1999 – Yielded to the HOLY SPIRIT
- C. 2006 – GOD called me to Evangelism
- D. 2013 – GOD called me to RPBC
- E. 2020 – GOD provided land for expansion
- F. 2027 – NO TELLING WHAT TO EXPECT

*Although we cannot be sure where exactly GOD is leading us, we know this - HE will provide.*

- † **2 Timothy 3:17** - That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

*Even in our darkest time here at RPBC, we’ve seen GOD sustain us.*

*Within the past year, the enemy has tried to stop us from “Following GOD”.*

- A. HE’S TRIED TO – DIVIDE THE CHURCH
- B. HE’S TRIED TO – SILENCE THE CHURCH
- C. HE’S TRIED TO – STOP THE CHURCH
- D. HE’S TRIED TO – DISCOURAGE THE CHURCH

*When Moses was instructed to leave Israel – they had to depend on GOD to guide the way.*

- † **Exodus 13:21** - And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:



*Here are a few lessons that RPBC can learn from the Israelites.*

### 1. BE READY TO MOVE

- † **Exodus 11:1** - And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

*When GOD says “go”, HIS people must be able to keep up with GOD.*

### 2. EXPECT GOD’S FAVOR

- † **Exodus 11:3** - And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

*When GOD is guiding, HIS people will find favor!*

### 3. TRUST GOD GUIDING

- † **Exodus 13:17** - And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:
- † **Exodus 13:18** - But God led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

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*When “Following GOD” we have to remember who is doing the leading!*

*Will RPBC be ready for what GOD has in store in the next 7 years?*

*As a church, we need to be committed to “Following GOD”:*

- A. In our service
- B. In our prayer life
- C. In our Bible reading
- D. With our finances
- E. With our witness

*Will you join me, as we prepare for the next chapter “Following GOD”?*

