

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Exodus 13:21-22

Series: Miracles

Message Title: Wake Up to God's Presence

Exodus 13:21-22 - *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.*

1. Live with _____

Exodus 40:38 - *So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.*

Nehemiah 9:19 - *Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.*

2. Live with _____

Numbers 9:17-18 - *Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped. ¹⁸ At the LORD's command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp.*

Exodus 40:36-37 - *In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; ³⁷ but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted.*

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Exodus 13:21-22

1. When you think about miracles, what comes to mind? How have you seen or connected with miracles in our day?
2. As you reflect on the miracle of God's presence in a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire, what can you learn about God's nature and attributes?
3. Taking into account Nehemiah 9:17 that touches on the stubbornness of God's children that showed up on their trip from Egypt to the Promised Land, what baffles you about God's continuing presence with His children? What amazes you?
4. In our world that seemingly gives little thought to God's presence, what will it take for someone to be consciously present in God's presence?
5. How are awareness of God's presence and readiness to obey God's commands vitally connected?
6. When is it hard for you to follow God?
7. How do you hope to see the miracle of God's continuing presence have a greater impact in your attitudes and actions?