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Pt. 2 – “When God Takes You  
The Long Way Around”  
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**WHEN GOD TAKES YOU THE LONG WAY AROUND...**

**1. IT’S BECAUSE GOD KNOWS MORE THAN YOU KNOW & SEES MORE THAN YOU SEE.**

*“When Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them along the main road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. God said, “If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led them in a roundabout way through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. Thus the Israelites left Egypt like an army ready for battle.”*

Exodus 13:17-18 (NLT)

**2. YOU CAN COUNT ON GOD TO SHOW YOU WHICH WAY TO GO.**

*“The Israelites left Succoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and He provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night.”*

Exodus 13:20-21 (NLT)

*“The Lord will make you go through hard times, but He Himself will be there to teach you, and you will not have to search for Him anymore. If you wander off the road to the right or the left, you will hear His voice behind you saying, “Here is the road. Follow it.”*

Isaiah 30:20-21 (GN)

**3. TAKE THE TIME TO HONOR THE FAITH OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE YOU.**

*“Moses had them take along the bones of Joseph, whose dying words had been, “God will come to your rescue, and when He does, be sure to take along my bones.”*

Exodus 13:19 (CEV)

**4. YOU CAN COUNT ON GOD’S PRESENCE TO ALWAYS BE THERE WITH YOU & FOR YOU.**

*“And the Lord did not remove the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire from its place in front of the people.”*

Exodus 13:22 (NLT)

*“So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”*

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NLT)

*“Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.”*

Hebrews 13:5 (GN)