

# Behind Enemy Lines

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## Trust God...and Fight

God has freely given so much to us...and we are grateful. But why do we still experience the consequences of slavery? God gives us the chance to grow in trust of Him and His love...and He allows us to grow stronger in our ability to walk as His children.

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## Discussion Questions

1. If you could participate in one sport in the Olympics, what would it be? Would you rather just show up at the event and have the gold medal handed to you, or do all the work it takes to get there and place third?
  2. Do you ever find yourself resenting people who seem to have things “handed” to them? Is it because they haven’t earned it? Is it because they often don’t know the value of the gift or how to use it? If so, discuss. If not, why not?
  3. God could simply deliver us, not only from original sin and death, but also from the consequences of slavery, but He doesn’t. Has this ever bothered you? Would you rather than He gave you total freedom without struggle? Share and discuss.
  4. God’s “Plan A” for the Israelites was to bring them directly into the Promised Land, but His People needed to be trained in trust and strengthened through struggle. Are there areas of your life where God is actively training you in trust and strengthening you through struggle? Please share and discuss.
  5. Choosing to be faithful to our Lenten resolutions can be difficult when we are tempted to believe that they “don’t really matter” because God doesn’t care. They can be difficult because they involve a discipline in the will. Have you ever wrestled with this trust and struggle? Discuss.
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## God in Real Life

This week, make the resolution to change and to trust that your prayers, your sacrifices, and your good deeds matter to God. With this faith, move forward with courage.

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## To the Heart

“Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the Lord said, ‘I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.’” Moses 3:6-8