

THE JOURNEY

For months, I have heard young souls speak excitedly about a journey. They've anticipated it with an eagerness that only a child can. Those who have taken similar journeys before have told each intricate detail to those who have not yet gone. The journey has been discussed repeatedly. They've prepared, packed, and planned every little detail. Bible Bowl is a big deal.

Interestingly, the journey our young Bible Bowlers have embarked upon mirrors an epic journey they have been studying for months- the Exodus. This narrative, which is also the theme of this year's event, is a thrilling story of God revealing Himself to His people in Egypt. God prepares and sends them a leader, overpowers the opposition, and guides His people on a journey. They pack, albeit hastily, and follow God's lead to an unknown place. Along the way, God provides ample food and water and shields them from harm. Above all, the Lord accompanies them at every step, a comforting presence in their journey.

Exodus 13:18a,21-22

18 But God led the people...21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

There is much we can learn from the story of God's people in Exodus. May it cause us to reflect deeply upon our own journey.

There is much we can learn from our children's diligence in studying this section of scripture. May we study it with the same eagerness.

There is much we can learn from their journey. May we continue to invest in our faith journey and share it with others.

Let us continue to pray for our Bible Bowlers and their journey. Let us ask that the Lord's provision and protection continue to be with them today. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this adventure possible. You can look forward to hearing about it next week!

Most importantly, let us endeavor to encourage our young people in their journey to walk with the Lord all the days of their lives!

Shalom,
Ryan