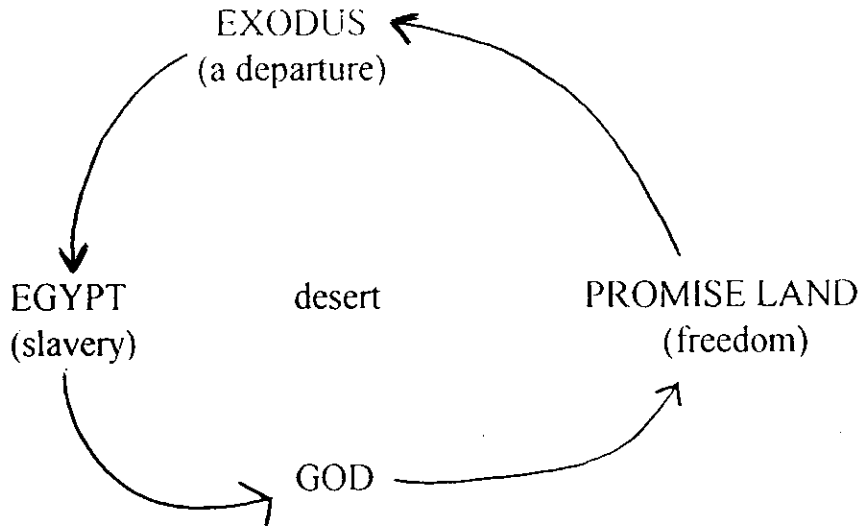
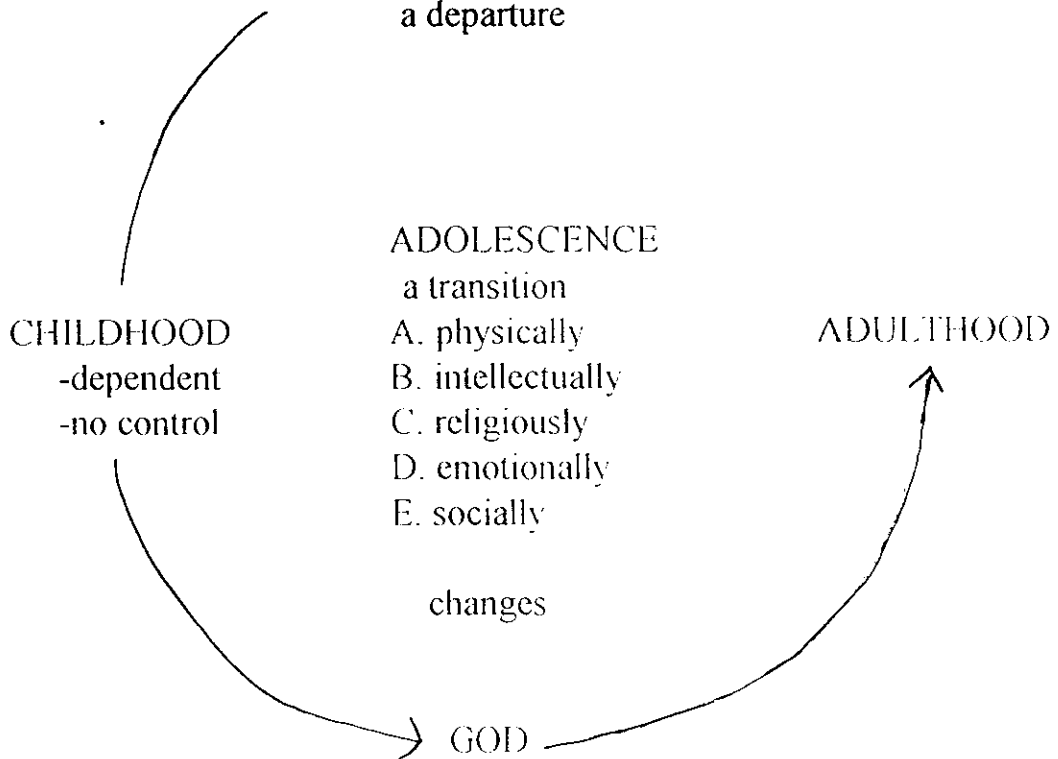


A STEP UP IN LIFE



MY PERSONAL EXODUS a departure



CHANGES:

A. Physically: changes in your body.

What changes? -height
 -weight involuntary
 -shape

B. Intellectually: your mental ability to know, understand, comprehend, and acquire knowledge.

What changes? -grasp more difficult concepts
 -you have your own ideas about things
 -you want to know why
 -you want to feel your ideas count

C. Religiously: your ideas and beliefs about God.

What changes? -your ideas about God the FATHER, GOD the SON, and
 GOD the HOLY SPIRIT mature
 -your religion becomes your own

D. Emotionally: your reactions to what is happening.

What changes? -your feelings are deeper
 -you have MORE control over your feelings

E. Socially: your in relationship to others in your life e.g. your parents, friends.

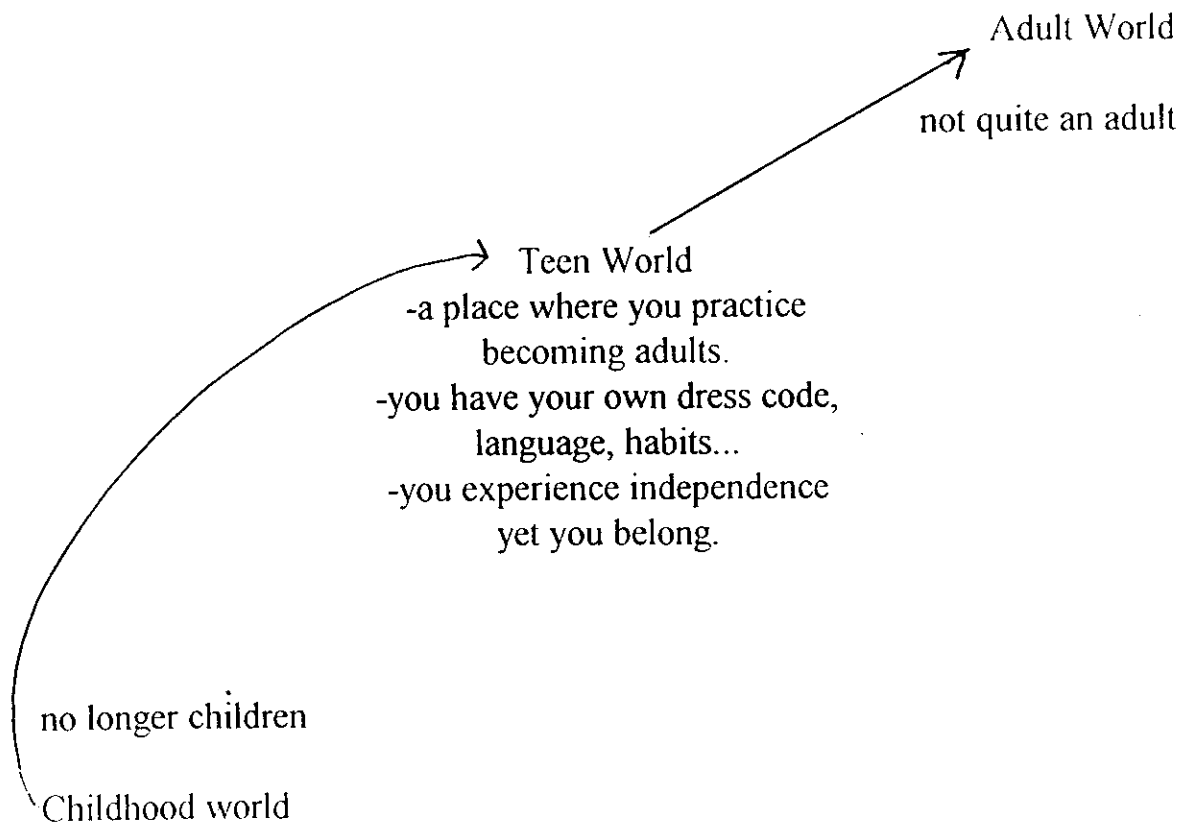
What changes? -larger world of seniors
 -circle of friends growing
 -want more independence at home
 -more control in your life

*WHAT DOES THIS TRANSITION MEAN TO YOU?

FACING THE CHALLENGE:

-adolescence is like the desert for the Hebrews of Moses' time.
-you are wandering, searching for an identity, it's not always easy. God is calling you to leave the dependence of childhood. The kind of adult you become depends on you.

Your Teen World:



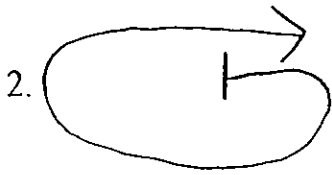
We all have a need to belong or be accepted. Some people go too far in seeking acceptance or approval. They will say or do anything to be part of the "cool" group, even things that are stupid, illegal, or dangerous.

CHALLENGE: TO FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN BEING YOURSELF AND BEING ACCEPTED BY THE GROUP.

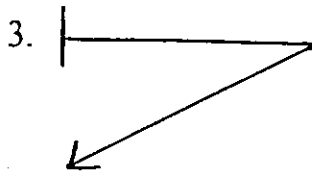
TEEN YEARS OFFER THREE PATHS TO FOLLOW:



- A. choosing this means you grow, learn and develop.
- B. you work towards you goal(s).



- A. you have to start fresh after being distracted from your goal.
- B. you have to catch up.



- A. you become completely distracted from your goal.
- B. you need to reflect upon your decisions/choices.

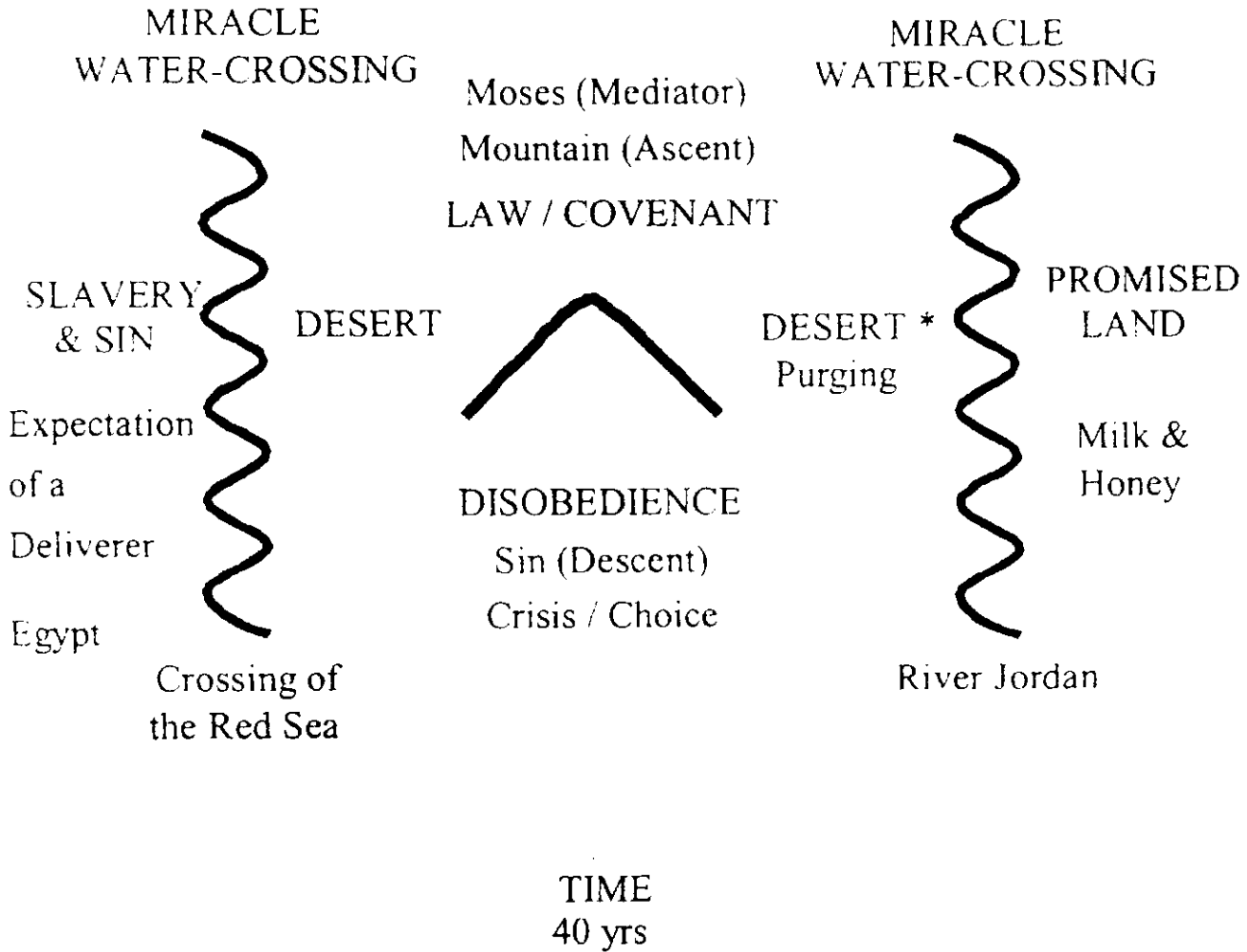
-you are the one who chooses which way your life will go.

-God gives you the raw materials like intelligence and talents and you have to shape them into the best person you can be.

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1. Three good qualities or traits I have are...
2. One good quality I would like to acquire would be...
3. Two bad qualities or characteristics I have...
4. I would describe myself as the type of person who...
5. Two things I hope to accomplish this year are...
6. The image I project to others can probably be described as...
7. The image I wish to project is...
8. My biggest dream for the future is...
9. My biggest fear about my future is...
10. List two things you can do to achieve your dream.
11. To be successful I will really have to...
12. Give two examples of how you have changed emotionally in the past 14 years.
13. Give two examples of how you have changed intellectually.
14. Give two examples of how you have changed religiously.
15. Explain briefly The Exodus in the Old Testament.
16. Explain what is meant by the term "a personal exodus."
17. What are the two things God challenges adolescence to do?

THE EXODUS PATTERN



This pattern is interesting because it forms a thematic pattern in many of our stories- historical and modern.

COMPARING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS & THE BEATITUDES

10 COMMANDMENTS	BEATITUDES
<u>COMPARE</u>	
<p>God's law Given on a mountain Given to the people by a special intermediary between God and the people; MOSES</p>	<p>God's law Given on a mountain Given to the people by a special intermediary between God and the people; JESUS</p>
<u>CONTRAST</u>	
<p>Prohibitive- "do not do this..." Inaction No reward mentioned God's word delivered through Moses '10' Commandments</p>	<p>Prescriptive- "do this..." Action rooted in love Rewards are promised God's word directly from God's Son. '9' Beatitudes (Where is the 10th? Jesus himself is the completion of the Law)</p>