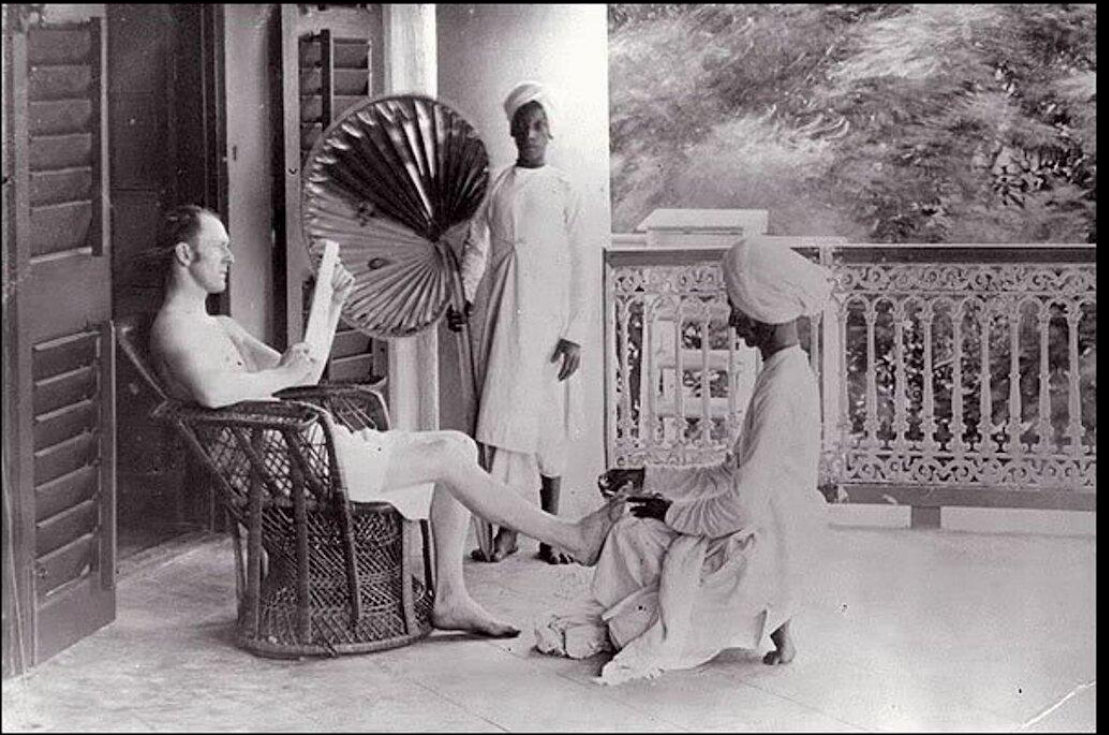




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<sup>4</sup> And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my **sojourning** are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their **sojourning**." Genesis 47:9

77 years in Canaan  
20 years in Haran  
33 years in Canaan  
17 years in Egypt





# LIFE AS A SOJOURNER: LESSONS FROM THE JOURNEYS OF JACOB

PART 1: THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

GENESIS 46:1-4, 26-29



# Next Week Sermon

**Part 2 - Life as a  
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**The Lord Is  
My Shepherd**

Psalms 23

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God brought His people into a foreign land to make them into a nation and then brought them out of that foreign land into the promised Land

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<sup>26</sup> All the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six persons in all. <sup>27</sup> And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.

<sup>22</sup> Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now **the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.**  
Deuteronomy 10: 22

# We are foreigners to the whole world

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, **exiles** scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia... 1 Peter 1:1*

*<sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as **foreigners** here in reverent fear. 1 Peter 1:17*

*<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were **foreigners** and strangers on earth. Hebrews 11:13*

# Life as a sojourner

- The importance of having pit stops in life.
- Everyone is your neighbor, everywhere is your home.
- How hope for the future keeps you grounded in your present journey.



# Jacob makes a pit stop at Beersheba

**46** So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to **Beersheba**, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

**32** After the treaty had been made at **Beersheba**, Abimelek and Phicol the commander of his forces returned to the land of the Philistines. **33** Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Eternal God.

Genesis 21: 32-33

**32** That day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug. They said, "We've found water!" **33** He called it Shibah, and to this day the name of the town has been **Beersheba**. Genesis

26: 32-33

**10** Jacob left **Beersheba** and set out for Harran. Genesis 28:10

# Why the need for a pit stop?

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Like a human being, the big steam locomotive **must "eat" and "drink" to be strong and capable of performing its work.** It has an unquenchable thirst and a ravenous appetite when it is busy. It consumes large quantities of coal or fuel oil and water. The heat generated by the fuel turns the water into steam, and the steam enables the engine to pull great loads at high speeds.

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# What did Jacob do at the pit stop?

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**KNOW GOD, NO FEAR.**

**NO GOD, KNOW FEAR.**









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*Chris Van Allsburg, Author “The Polar Express”.*

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## What's your Pit-stop ?

Your Pit-Stop could be a stage in life when you have completed your education and are struggling to find a suitable job or if you had a decent job and have been laid-off and you are currently desperate for a job. You may have enjoyed your youth but are struggling to find a suitable life-partner; you may have unexpectedly lost a loved-one, you may be experiencing failure in life, you may have been a fairly healthy person, but suddenly afflicted by health issues... your pit-stop could be anything that has forced your speeding life into a PAUSE mode.

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# Lesson from Jacob's pit stop in Bersheeba

- Before embarking on a difficult journey in your life, find time and a place to PAUSE and worship God.
- Are you feeling assured God is with you on life's journey?

<sup>11</sup> So Joseph settled his father and his brothers in Egypt and **gave them property in the best part of the land**, the district of Rameses, as Pharaoh directed. <sup>12</sup> Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their children.

Genesis 47:11-12

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Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him. <sup>2</sup> Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, <sup>3</sup> taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming. **And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.** Genesis 50:1-2

<sup>7</sup> So Joseph went up to bury his father. **All Pharaoh's officials accompanied him—the dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of Egypt—** <sup>8</sup> besides all the members of Joseph's household and his brothers and those belonging to his father's household. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen. <sup>9</sup> **Chariots and horsemen also went up with him. It was a very large company.** <sup>10</sup> **When they reached the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan, they lamented loudly and bitterly; and there Joseph observed a seven-day period of mourning for his father.** <sup>11</sup> **When the Canaanites who lived there saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, “The Egyptians are holding a solemn ceremony of mourning.”** Genesis 50:7-11



# Everyone is your neighbor.

*<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

*Revelations 7:9-10*

# “Kaki Lang”



There will be no Chinatown in Heaven.  
Everyone there will be your “kaki lang.”

# Israel the man enters Egypt, Israel the nation leaves Egypt.

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<sup>6</sup> Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, <sup>7</sup> but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.

<sup>8</sup> Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. <sup>9</sup> “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. <sup>10</sup> Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

Exodus 1: 6-10



- The Israelites entered Egypt seeking refuge when their homeland had a famine.
- The Israelites left Egypt where they had suffered hardship as slaves.



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**30** When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations, <sup>2</sup> and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, <sup>3</sup> then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. <sup>4</sup> Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back. <sup>5</sup> He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.

Deuteronomy 30: 1-5



'HOW COULD WE SING THE LORD'S SONG IN A FOREIGN LAND?' PSALM 137.4



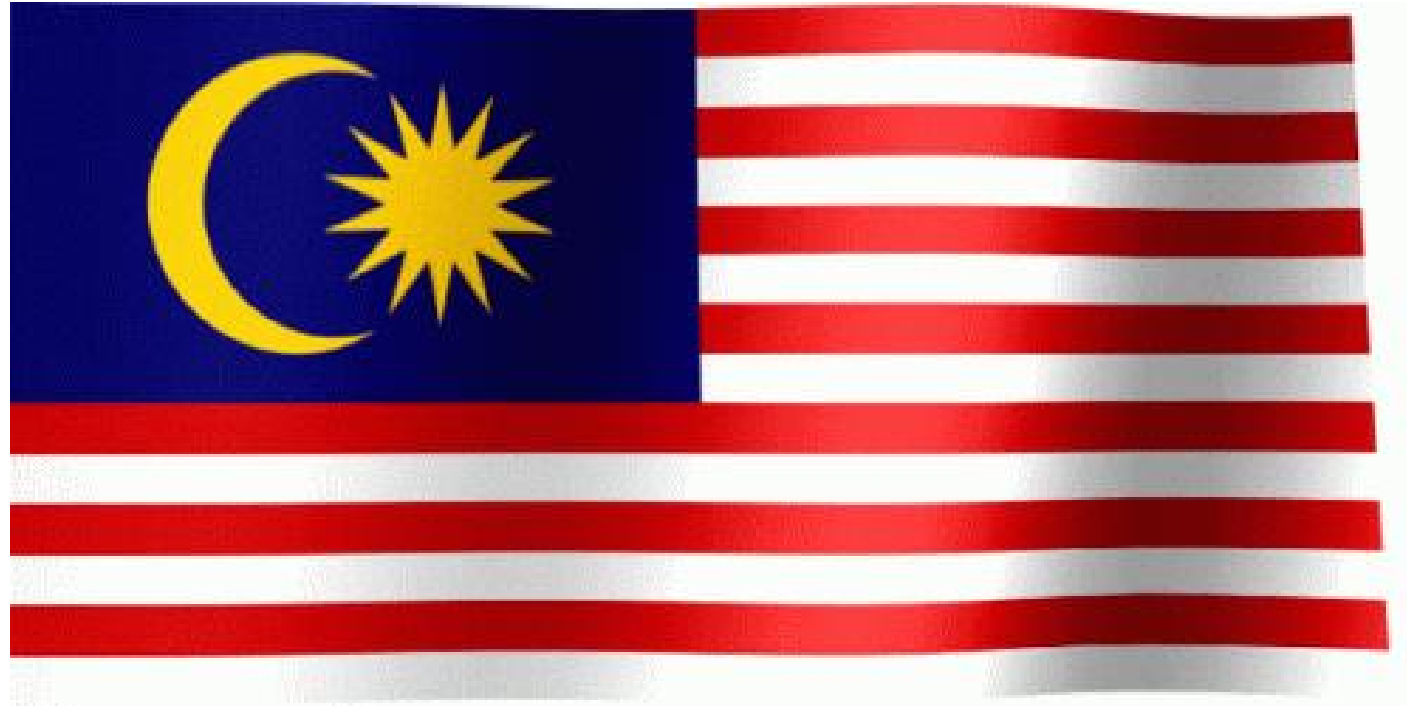
By the rivers of Babylon, painting by Gebhard Fugel, c. 1920 (Wikimedia/ creative

# Everywhere is your home.

<sup>4</sup> This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Jeremiah 29:4-7





*Love your country means to love your neighbor. By loving your neighbor you will love your country*

I think, yes, there is such a thing, a good thing, as patriotism. With regard to nations, it seems like Romans 13:1, in calling us to be subject to the powers that wield the sword, implies that in some sense a country identity or a nation state identity has the right to use that sword to defend itself against aggression and, thus, in some sense preserve its right to exist and exist as it exists. And so, I think that implies that there is a proper place for patriotism at the national level.

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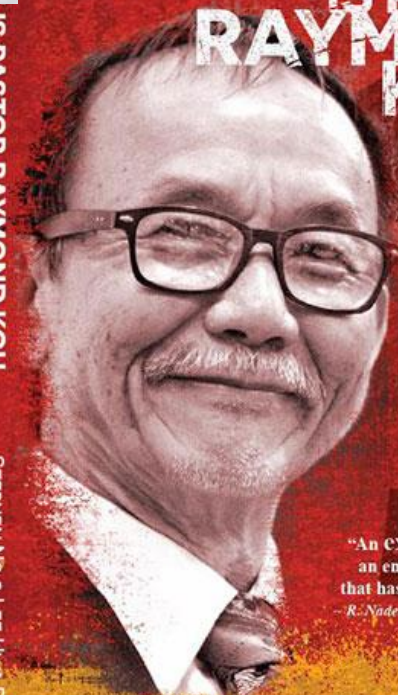
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*<sup>30</sup> Israel said to Joseph, "Now I am ready to die, since I have seen for myself that you are still alive."*









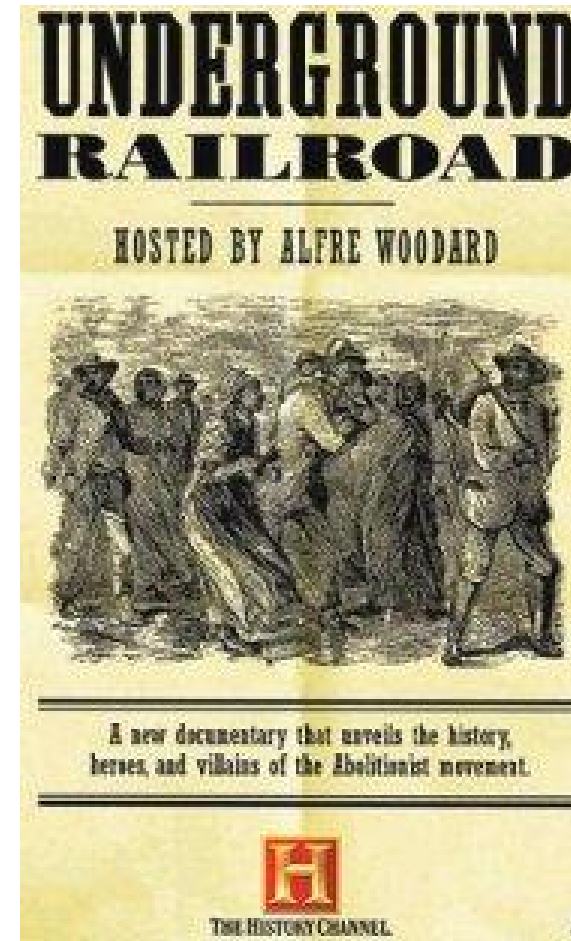
# THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

- UNDERGROUND RAILROAD ROUTES
- FREE STATES & TERRITORIES
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We don't get on the  
Gospel train. The  
body of Christ is the  
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**THE MOSES OF  
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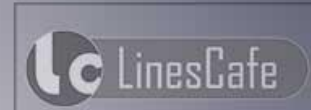
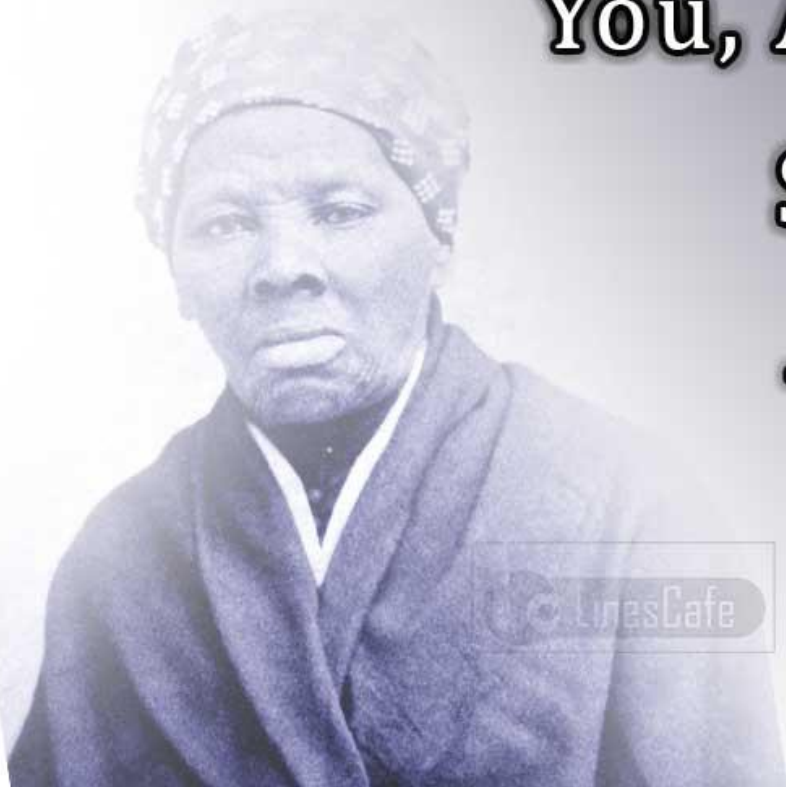
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I Said To De Lord, 'I'm Goin'  
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You, An' I Know You'll  
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**"I would give every drop of blood  
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