

**NORTHERN HILLS  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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*"When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them (directly), though that way was shorter. For God said, 'if they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.'" Exodus 13:17*

*"...God led you through the wilderness for forty years... testing you to find out how you would respond and if you would obey Him."  
Deuteronomy 8:2*

*"I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength."  
Philippians 4:13*

**Four Things God Says, "Don't Do"**

**1. Don't FEAR**

*"...with God, all things are possible." Matthew 19:26*

*"Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself without comparing himself to someone else."  
Galatians 6:4*

**2. Don't FRET**

*"Impatience will get you into trouble." Proverbs 19:2*

*"Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him to act. Don't fret and worry. It only leads to harm." Psalm 37:7-8*

*"God has set the right time for everything." Ecclesiastes 3:11*

**3. Don't FAINT**

*"All the Israelites grumbled against Moses... 'If only we had died in Egypt! ...We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."  
Numbers 14:2, 4*

*"Look to the Lord. Go to Him for help." Psalm 105:4*

*"You need to pray continually and not lose heart." Luke 18:1*

*"They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings, as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

**4. Don't FORGET**

*"Our ancestors in Egypt were not impressed by the LORD's miraculous deeds. They soon forgot his many acts of kindness to them. Instead, they rebelled against him at the Red Sea. Even so, he saved them—to defend the honor of his name and to demonstrate his mighty power." Psalm 106:7, 8*

*"I will bless the Lord and not forget the great things He does for me." Psalm 103:2*

*"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." 2 Peter 3:9*

*"These things won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!" Habakkuk 2:3*