

A Path back to the Past

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Now we come to the second border: Moses should return to Egypt. In v 10 God says to Moses: »And now go! I am sending you to Pharaoh.«

This means: back to the past. We must take on the tasks of the past which we have not yet worked through. In our communities this happens when we look back and reflect on our origins and our mission. We have realised a great deal, but not everything. And in that which we have realised, there remain some tasks and themes of our vision which were pushed aside.

For Moses there is a lot that he does not want to look at again. He has a two-fold task. 1. Go back, look at and work through the old. 2. And a second question. What will I left behind that I know need to liberate and take with me? Where is there in the old, in the past, life that needs to be saved?

God says to Moses: I hear something from the land of your past that you do not hear. It moves me, even if it does not move you. Go back.

This is the kind of hearing which our communities need to develop again. God hears a great deal and is moved by many things in our life which we have prematurely written off and forgotten. But he hears it crying out in pain, because it wants to

live and be free and sends us back to retrieve it, so that we might carry it into the future with us. The visions and dreams of our lives are not exhausted, even if we at times like to pretend they are. We too need to listen, to hear and to go back.

To be continued.

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