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Exodus 23:20-33

1. What does the metaphor of river rafting teach us about obedience and trust in God?
2. How does God's guidance in Exodus 23 relate to our lives today?
3. What are some modern-day idols that might compete for God's authority in our lives?

In Sandy's quote: *"Our digital devices often lack safeguards against harmful content like pornography; our televisions operate without boundaries or accountability; our relentless pursuit of academic achievement for our children goes unquestioned; our habits of consumption and spending are rarely restrained; our debt spirals unchecked; our compulsive work routines remain unexamined, and we've lost the art of being still and present before God."*

4. Why is it important to rely on God's timing and process?
5. How can we practice attentiveness to God's voice in our daily lives?
6. What does it mean to have a renewed commitment to God's promises?
7. How do the promises of the New Covenant through Jesus differ from those given to the Israelites?
8. In what ways can we be co-laborers with God in bringing His kingdom to earth?

## Take Home Challenge

This week, identify one area in your life where you need to trust God's timing and process. Commit to spending time in prayer and reflection, asking God to guide you in this area and to help you remove any idols that may be hindering your relationship with Him.

## **Key Takeaways**

- God prepares, protects, and provides for His people as they walk in obedience and trust.
- Obedience and attentiveness to God's voice are essential for experiencing His guidance.
- God's promises require full commitment and the removal of idols from our lives.
- Relying on God's timing involves patience and persistence.
- Through Jesus, we have a new set of promises, including forgiveness and eternal life.