

Part 4: Moses and the Red Sea Pastor Grant Fishbook July 21 & 22, 2012

The Exodus

During the night, Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go and worship the Lord as you have requested...the Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. –Exodus 12:31, 33

The Pursuit

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their mind about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and lost their services!" –Exodus 14:5

The Egyptians – pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon. –Exodus 14:9

The Response of the Israelites

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" –Exodus 14:10-12

- Fear
- <u>Sarcasm</u>
- Fatalizing- jumping to the worst case scenario

Moses' Call To The People

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you, you need only be still." –Exodus 14:13-14

- Don't fear (2 Corinthians 10:5 and 2 Timothy 1:7)
- Stand firm (1 Peter 5:9)
- Expect God to help (Psalm 121)
- <u>Be still</u> (Psalm 46:10)

The first prerequisite to a miracle is an <u>impossible</u> situation.

The Deliverance

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. –Exodus 14:29

And when the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. –Exodus 14:31

Next Steps

If you are facing an impossible situation in your life right now, you don't have to face it alone. The After Service Prayer Team is available after each weekend service to pray with people for God's wisdom and presence in every situation. After today's service, we encourage you to come down in front of the stage to share your prayer request with one of the team members.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What has been the highlight of your summer so far?
- 2) Have you ever felt like your back was against the wall? What was the situation and how did you respond?
- 3) When you are under pressure, which of the three Israelite responses do you tend to do as well? Fear? Sarcasm? Fatalizing?
- 4) Look at the 4 calls of Moses don't fear, stand firm, expect God to help and be still how can you act on all four in the most difficult part of your life right now?
- 5) Read the scriptures listed in the last section. Allow God to create faith in your heart through His Word. What does it really mean to be still?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?