

# Deliverance

Exodus 14:19-31 (p. 56-57 in ESV Pew Bible)

## Introduction

- Some days we feel that God is right there next to us.
- Other days we feel that God is far off and distant.
- Can God be trusted to accomplish what seems to us be the impossible?

## I. *The Story*—A Quick Review

- Genesis 22:17 – “I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.”

## II. Trust in the Lord’s P\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 14:19)

- Exodus 13:21 – By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.
- Hebrews 13:5 – “Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.”

## III. Trust in the Lord’s P\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 14:21-22, 19-20)

- John 8:12 – “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

## IV. Trust in the Lord’s P\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 14:23-25)

- Micah 7:19 – ...you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

## Application

- Psalm 34:7 – The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
- God is our Deliverer and we can trust in Him no matter what the circumstances.

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Digging Deeper (April 27/28, 2013)

### OPEN:

Which of these activities would you be most unwilling or feel most incompetent to do?

- a. Prepare a meal for twelve;
- b. Parachute from a plane;
- c. Give a speech before a large group;
- d. Learn a new language.

### DIG: Exodus 1-17 (*The Story*, Chapter 4, pp.43-47)

1. What were some of the circumstances that seemingly “fell into place” during Moses’ life leading up to God’s calling. (*The Story*, pages 43-46).
2. How did Moses’ life experiences prepare him for God’s call?
3. God chose Moses to spearhead Israel’s deliverance, despite his flaws.
  - a. What things did Moses have going against him?
  - b. What does this tell us about God’s ability to know a person’s true potential?
  - c. What promise did God give Moses to bolster his self-confidence? (See **Exodus 3:12**)
4. Look at God’s description of Himself on page 48 (note the “I will” phrases.)
  - a. What is Moses focused on?
  - b. What is God focused on?
5. Look up/Define the word “sovereign.” Discuss how God’s sovereignty was displayed in the story.
6. Pharaoh’s stubbornness wouldn’t allow him to accept God’s authority.
  - a. Give examples of times when it’s hard to accept God’s authority or when we wonder why certain things happen.
  - b. At times like that, what should we remember? (See **Isaiah 55:8-11; Jeremiah 29:11-13; Romans 8:28.**)
7. God provided meat and manna for His people daily, yet they grumbled and fretted, worrying about their future. We have probably all done the same; worried about careers, health, finances, etc. Read **Matthew 6:25-34** to see what Jesus said about such worries.

8. While this story has many obvious displays of God's wrath, we also learn a lot about God's goodness. Note the ways this story shows God's goodness.

## REFLECT

1. Discuss what the Bible says about God's plan for each of our lives? Read **Psalm 139:13-16** and **Ephesians 1:11-14**.
2. What promises does God give us when we are called to serve? Read **Isaiah 41:10, 13; Acts 4:8, 13; James 1:5**.
3. The Feast of Passover (p. 51) was to be a perpetual reminder of how God delivered Israel. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper while celebrating the Passover.
  - a. What are some of the parallels between the Lord's Supper and the Passover, especially in the context of *Deliverance*?
  - b. What significance does this hold for you personally?