



Journey Church
The Way Through the Dead End | Exodus 13:17 – 14:31
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A Dead End

God's Story

Exodus 13:17-14:31

God's Pathway to Deliverance

1. God leads us the long way — Formation over Shortcuts

Exodus 13:17–22; Romans 5:1-6; James 1:2-4,12

2. God positions us in pressure — Revelation over Panic

Exodus 14:1–18

3. God leads us through — Transformation over Fear

Exodus 14:19–31,15:1-2; Psalm 77,81,106

Jesus – From Dead End to Deliverance

Matthew 8:23-27; 1 Corinthians 10; Isaiah 43:16–21

Small Group Questions:

1. When has God led you “the long way” in life — a season that felt slow, confusing, or delayed? Looking back, how did that season shape your faith or character in ways a shortcut never could?
2. When life feels like pressure from all sides, what helps you *stand firm* instead of panic? How can you remind yourself — or others — to look for God’s presence (the “pillar of cloud and fire”) instead of fixating on the problem?
3. Israel didn’t experience deliverance until they *stepped forward* into the sea. What “step forward” might God be calling you to take right now — even if fear still lingers? How might obedience open space for worship on the other side?

Be Intentional:

This week, name your “dead end” — and take one faithful step forward.

Spend time in prayer asking God to show where you’ve been stuck in fear, impatience, or self-reliance. Then choose one small, concrete act of trust — a conversation, a confession, a commitment, or a prayer — that says, “Lord, I’m stepping forward. I believe You’ll make a way through.”

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God’s Word as you pray for each other.