

4. Red Sea Salvation - Exodus 13-14 04/10/26

Icebreaker Question: Share about a time when a problem resolved itself in a way you never expected. How did it make you feel?

Highlights:

- We're saved by faith and must live by faith – Just as we began our relationship with Jesus by faith, we must continue to trust Him rather than try to control our circumstances.
- God's ways are not our ways – We don't have all the information, and God often works in ways we could never imagine.
- The victory has already been won – Christ's death on the cross has already secured our deliverance; we just need to trust God and step into it.
- Our faith grows as we trust God – God allows impossible situations so we learn not to rely on ourselves but on Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Exodus 14:10-12. The Israelites quickly forgot God's miraculous deliverance from Egypt when they faced a new threat. Why do you think fear has such power to make us forget God's past faithfulness?
2. "Today's problems can make our awful past seem like the good old days." Have you ever caught yourself romanticizing a difficult season of life because of current challenges? Why do you think you did that?
3. Read Exodus 14:13-14. Moses told the people to "stand firm" and "be still" rather than try to solve the problem themselves. Why is this so difficult for us to do?
 - a) What's the difference between wisely addressing a situation and trying to "take control" from God?
4. Read Galatians 5:1 and Ephesians 6:13-14. Paul tells us three times to "stand firm." What does "standing firm" spiritually look like practically in your daily life?
5. Read Exodus 14:21-22. Think about the Israelites watching the Red Sea part. No one saw that solution coming! Share about a time when God solved a problem in your life in a way you never imagined. What did that do to your faith?
 - a) Has it changed the way you respond to difficulties?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-9. Paul said his impossible situation happened "that we might not rely on ourselves but on God." How have difficult circumstances actually strengthened your faith?
7. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. How does remembering that "God's ways are higher than our ways" change how you approach current challenges?

8. The sermon mentioned that "we're not playing with a full deck of cards" when we worry. How does this perspective help combat anxiety?

9. Read James 1:2-4. James tells us to "consider it pure joy" when we face trials. How can we cultivate this perspective when we're in the middle of difficulty?

10. The sermon described seeing "washed up dead bodies" from our past—reminders of sins and habits God has delivered us from. What "dead bodies" can you identify in your own life that remind you of God's faithfulness? Take a moment to encourage each other and praise God for your spiritual growth.

Prayer:

- Pray for group members facing "Red Sea moments" where they need to trust God
- Thank God for past deliverances and "washed up dead bodies" from our past
- Ask God for faith to stand firm and trust Him rather than trying to control the situation
- Pray for anyone considering taking a step of faith (joining a Life Group, serving, giving, etc.)