

WARM-UP

- Share a movie or a story that features someone overcoming great obstacles. What makes the story appealing to you?
- What do you usually do at the end of a long, challenging, and tough day?
- What legacy would you like to leave behind? Who do you want to leave it behind for?

WORD *¹³And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."* **EXODUS 14:13-14**

(Study **EXODUS 14.**)

The Israelites' crossing of the Red Sea is perhaps one of the most widely known miracles from the Bible. Many are drawn to it because it shows how an oppressed people were able to rise above the odds stacked against them. After leaving Egypt and walking in obedience to God, they were now faced with another roadblock. This week, let's look at what this crossing of the Red Sea meant for the Israelites that time.

1 | The crossing of the Red Sea showed God's power to deliver out of an impossible situation.

¹³And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

EXODUS 14:13-14

After centuries of oppression, the Israelites were finally allowed to leave Egypt. However, as they left, the Pharaoh changed his mind and chased after them with his army. With the Egyptians in pursuit, the sea ahead of them, and mountains all around, it seemed like there was no way out. Moses encouraged God's people, saying, "*The Lord will fight for you,*" and indeed, He came through for them. God parted the sea and made a way for them to walk on dry ground safely. And when the Egyptians were on their tail, He brought the sea back to normal so that the Egyptians drowned. What was the result of this great display of God's power (Exodus 14:18, 31)?

.....

.....

.....

2 | The crossing of the Red Sea depicts the completion of Israel's deliverance from Egypt.

*¹³And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." . . . ³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. **EXODUS 14:13-14, 30***

Leaving Egypt was not easy. It was all they had ever known, having been its inhabitants for centuries. Now, as they followed God's plan for them, some had become hesitant, seeing their impossible situation. Miraculously crossing

through the Red Sea was the signal from God that their ordeal in Egypt was over. As the Red Sea closed, there was now no turning back. They had been delivered from slavery and they could now enjoy knowing God and living in His plans and promises. If you were an Israelite during their time, how would you have reacted?

3 | **The crossing of the Red Sea led to God being known through the generations and nations.**

*Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. **EXODUS 14:31***

Those from other nations who heard about this miracle recognized that God is *in the heavens above and on the earth beneath* (Joshua 2:10–11). Even some Egyptians who had seen and heard about God’s miraculous deeds went with the Israelites as they left (Exodus 12:38). The deliverance and promises of God were not just for the Israelites then, but for those who believe, whether from other nations or from the generations to come. How can this encourage us who believe in God today?

Just like the Israelites, God through Jesus also invites us to experience complete deliverance from our sin that enslaves and binds us. Ultimately, the enemy, sin, and death have been defeated by Jesus. For those who put their faith in Him, there is now no turning back. We are no longer slaves and we can now live in the freedom, promises, and purposes God has for us in Christ.

APPLICATION

- What impossible situation are you in right now? How can you respond in faith and trust instead of fear and doubt?
- Is there something that God is calling you to turn away from so you can follow Him completely? What are some steps you can take to live life in Jesus without turning back?
- Who among your family and friends need to know that God is able and willing to deliver us from oppression and sin? Commit to share your testimony with them this week.

PRAYER

- Thank God that He has a plan for our complete deliverance and salvation, just as He did for the Israelites.
- Ask God to renew you every day so that you won't turn back to what once enslaved you or hindered you from following Him.
- Pray for boldness and opportunities to share to others how God has changed you and worked miracles in your life.



VICTORY

Honor God. Make Disciples.

© 2023 by VICTORY®
All rights reserved.

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® (ESV®)
Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.
Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Contributors: Ruth Suson-Gloria and Chrysse Manuel-Pili

Permission to photocopy this material is granted for local church use. This is not for sale.
victory.org.ph