

Exodus 14
Crossing the Sea

In life there are defining moments that set your course or change your course for the rest of your life. These are easily spotted in milestones. You graduate. You suffer loss. You gain a spouse or a child. You choose a career or change a career. We all have them. A few of these will define you for a lifetime.

The event of the Exodus would become famous in the OT. It was a defining moment for the nation of Israel. Within that moment, the parting of the Red Sea and the deliverance of God's helpless people from certain annihilation at the hands of Pharaoh is clearly remembered in Scripture.

He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. Psalm 78:13

God rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy. And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. Psalm 106:8-11

Ancient Israel was defined by the Exodus. They eventually lost their way, but that experience was meant to permanently mark them. They were to always remember that God had saved them when they were helpless and powerless to save themselves.

Understandably, this is a fearful situation. The battle between fear and faith might be something you deal with for the rest of your life. Here's a lesson from Jill Briscoe.... ***Do it scared!***

We often focus on God's power when we should be focused on God's character. I suggest the intervention of God in this situation says more about His character than His power.

God promised to deliver them out of Egypt.
God promised to bring them to a good land.
God promised to be their God
God promised they would be His people.

Three times in this chapter we are told that God works His power in a way that is consistent with His character. I see this in the word, **glory**. Three times: ***I will gain glory through Pharaoh.***
Verses 4, 17, 18.

It is a good thing for God to be God-centered.

God is not being weak when He is God-centered. He is being good, holy, perfect.
To make Himself known is to glorify Himself.
To work on our behalf is to glorify Himself.
To accomplish His will is to glorify Himself.
To answer prayer is to glorify Himself.

Whenever God reveals Himself, He always reveals Himself in glory because God is a God of glory.

This prepares us to understand salvation in Christ.
While we were still powerless and hopeless, God sent Jesus to rescue us. (paraphrase Romans 5:6)

What has God accomplished in your life that is for your good and His glory?