

The Life of Moses - Learning to Follow God Before the Sea - Overcoming the Impossible

Exodus 13:17 - 15:21

Ever faced a situation that appeared to be impossible

Sickness, Marriage problem, work situation, financial crises

Moses was between a Sea and an attacking army

I. God's Direction **Exodus 13:17-14:4**

- A. Protection from war
- B. Made simple and clear - cloud and fire
- C. Led them to a "dead end"
- D. Purpose - to lure Pharaoh to give chase
To gain glory and Lordship

II. Man's Distress **Exodus 14:5-12**

- A. Pharaoh had another change of heart
Gathered his whole army (600 captains)
Trapped them against the sea
- B. Panic among the Israelites
They cried out to the Lord - good but no faith
They complained to Moses - negative no confidence
They compared with the past - poor memory

III. God's Deliverance **Exodus 14:13-22**

- A. Words of Challenge
 - 1. Do not fear. -No need to surrender
 - 2. Stand still - No need to hide
 - 3. See the salvation of the Lord - No need to run
 - 4. The Lord will fight - No need to fight
- B. Cry of concern -
Why are you crying out to the Lord - get up
Go Forward - toward the impossible
- C. Obedience to Command
Lift up your staff and divide the sea
You shall pass through on dry land
Pharaoh will pursue you
- D. The purpose revealed -the Egyptians (and you) will know
Waters divided and Israel crossed in one night
Crossed on dry land - Waters like wall on both sides
Egyptian followed after them

IV. God's Destruction **Exodus 14:23-29**

- A. Division
The cloud gave light to Israel and darkness to the army
- B. Confusion
God troubled them made the wheels to come off the chariots
- C. Destruction
Moses lifted staff and waters returned Not one left alive

V. God's Dominion **Exodus 14:30 - 15:21**

- A. The people's response
They revered the Lord
They believed in the Lord and Moses
- B. Moses' response
He sang a song **Note verse 14:11**

Lessons to Learn

1. Following God sometimes leads to difficult situations
2. To experience victory we must:
 - Trust in the Lord -- Do not fear
 - Give God time to Work -- Stand still
 - Watch to see what God is doing -- See
3. Some light we see will be seen as "darkness" to others
4. God will make a path

What did Moses do in the face of an impossible situation?

I Corinthians 10:1-2 ----11 ... God is faithful...

He Recognized God's Purpose

To save and not destroy

To deliver them out to bring them in

He Retained God's Perspective

Before he heard he spoke the words of faith

Based on what he knew about God

He Relied on God Power

He obeyed God's commands

He saw the salvation of the Lord

*What would you attempt for God
if you knew you could not fail?*