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**first things**



Exodus 14:3<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel,  
'They *are* bewildered by the land; the  
wilderness has closed them in.'

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Exodus 14:9<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

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## Exodus 14:13-15<sup>(NKJV)</sup>

And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.” <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

# OPTION

- a thing that is or may be chosen.

# OPPORTUNITY

- circumstances that are favorable for a purpose to be accomplished.

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When I don't have any visible options,  
I always have divine opportunities...

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When you have too many options,  
you think you don't need divine opportunities.

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When you have options, you're in control...

But when you run out of options,  
**God is in control.**

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## Mark 2:1-4<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. <sup>2</sup> Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

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When you're out of options and understand that you have a divine opportunity to seek God, you open the door for miracles in your life.

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When you stop looking around,  
you'll start looking up.

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The reason so many people don't fully live for God?

**They have too many options.**

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Jesus gave us one option: Follow me.

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I have often been driven to my knees by the overwhelming sense that I have nowhere else to go, but to God.

- Abraham Lincoln

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2 Chronicles 20:12<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

...For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

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## Mark 5:27-29<sup>(NKJV)</sup>

<sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. <sup>28</sup> For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

<sup>29</sup> Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction.

When you run out of options,  
you are presented with divine opportunities.

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