

Sermon Guide



“Silent Obedience in the Face of Fear”

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“Then the LORD said to Moses, ²‘Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea.’”

Exodus 14

- 1. JC talked about the challenge of trusting God as we face difficult circumstances. He encouraged us to remember the “Who” not the “what”; who God is in His goodness and His steadfast love, not what we face in the specifics of our calling, challenges, or circumstances.** Think of one area you feel challenged by the “what” of your life. How does the “Who” reframe the “what”? Try to avoid generic statements.
- 2. JC said that we often seek to move away from challenging circumstances. He then reminded us to not make major life decisions during disorienting circumstances. Instead, he encouraged us to not be afraid, stand firm, and stay where we are.** Have you ever considered running when circumstances got challenging? Or perhaps you are there right now? Share a past or current experience.
- 3. JC talked about the importance of desperation. He described the ferocity of our enemy’s schemes and challenged us to lay aside our polished self-image.** What might that look like for you personally? What ways do you hold onto a self-image, and how can you take one step away from that image?

Take Your Next Step of Faith. What next step of faith will you take in response to today’s teaching?