

By Faith, Moses Faced the Unexpected Exodus 14

Intro: How well do you handle the unexpected circumstances of life, whether good or bad? How can we successfully face the unexpected?

I. Remember the _____ of God – Exodus 14:4, 17-18

God always has a purpose and is two-fold.

A. God's _____ – 14:4, 17-18

B. Our _____ – 14:13 (Phil. 1:6, Rom. 8:28-29)

RC Sproul, "There is no hint of arbitrariness of wicked intent in the will of God. The pleasure of His will is always the good pleasure of His will. His pleasure is always good."

II. Resist _____ Before God – Exodus 14:10-14

Corrie Ten Boom – "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God, you'll be at rest."

A. God Knows What He is _____

B. God Knows Our _____ – 14:5-9

C. God Knows the Way of _____ – 14:13-16

God does not lead us in his plan to leave us, and what God leads us to He will lead us through.

III. Respond to the _____ of God – Exodus 14:15-31

Exodus 14:17, 19-20, 21, 24-25, 27 - God has an unexpected plan for the rescue of Moses and the Israelites from the Egyptian army.

Exodus 14:30-31 - The way God works may be unexpected, but that He works never is.

Conclusion: We do not have to know the full plan of God. We simply step in faith and God makes the way.

"Sometimes on the Rock I tremble, faint of heart and weak of knee, But the steadfast Rock of Ages never trembles under me!" – Amy Carmichael

Small Group Questions

1. Which describes you best, “The best surprise is no surprise” or “I love surprises!” Why?
2. How does knowing God’s purpose is always for His glory and for our good help when unexpected trials come into our lives?
3. Discuss what Romans 8:28-29, Philippians 1:6, and James 1:2-5 contributes to our understanding of God’s purposes in the unexpected.
4. Read Exodus 14:10-12 and 14:13-16. How is the panic of Israelites responded to by Moses and by God? Discuss how the phrase “faith over fear” can be applied to the Israelites panic.
5. When the unexpected comes into your life, what counsel does Exodus 4:13-14 provide?
6. Read Exodus 14:30-31 - What was God’s plan for the Israelites all along? What did God want them to see and how did He want them respond?
8. How is God calling you to think differently?
9. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?