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2018

Running the Rapids CLASS II



Moving water with small waves that tug at the boat it's a relaxing way to spend the day. Most rivers have some stretches of calm class I water, creating a pleasan break between rapids. Easy rapids, waves up to three feet tall that are readily seen, and wide channels that can be discovered without scouting. Some maneuvering is required during this little rock and roll. Waves up to four feet and parrow passages that send the boat shimmying and water gushing over it's sides. Plenty of excitement. Long, difficult rapids, narrow passages, turbulent water that requires precise maneuvering and sends hearts racing. All of class IV and then some. You'll see large waves, complex, gushing rapids, twisting, and spinning. Delivers the consummate adrenaline rush. The extreme "un-runnable" rivers or waterfalls. Only the most expert should attempt this - usually seen in extreme kayak videos, etc. Outfitter raft trips don't go here there's too much other water to enjoy without risking it all! What fears, obstacles, "trials," are you facing this summer?

> Financial? Health? Loneliness? Fear of the Future? Faith? Relational (Marriage, Children, Estrangement Issues)? Other?



⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith-more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:6-7, ESV



Crossing the Sea

13:13-18,

Crossing the Sea 13: **17** When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." **18** So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

20 After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. **21** By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. **22** Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.



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Egypt's Pursuit





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Israel's Panic

10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

God's Power

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¹³ And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."



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5. MOVE ON

Sing God's Praises!

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