

I am DragonSlayer and through Christ which strengthens me I can do all things including slaying the dragons in my life.

## The Past, The Sea & The Storm

### Exodus 14:7-12 - KJV

*And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon. And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.*

The people of Israel finally got their freedom. They are finally free, but now they are in a tough spot. The water is before them and the chariots are behind them. They begin to say something that we all say when we are in trouble. They say I should have never. I should have never left. I should have never walked down this path, I should have never this situation. Even though what they are doing is important and necessary, they still feel this.

It's really important to know that we do the same thing. We get a bright idea, we get a better job, find a new home and we are excited but the moment something goes wrong we cling back to the thing we just left. We cling back to the ex, we cling back to the old job. Yes the same ex that made you want to leave. The same job that made you feel like a slave. But why do we do that, why do we give up so easy.

The truth is so many people are in this particular position at this moment. They don't know whether to keep going or to turn back. The idea that should never have creep up in your mind is now weighing heavy on your conscious. All because you got into a bit of trouble.

Some of us are here, we are at the water and trouble is behind us. The path to escape is no where to be seen and we are tempted to turn back to the same thing we escaped from.

### Mark 4:36-37 - KJV

*And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.*

We know the story there was a storm, a violent storm. The storm was so strong it was sinking the boat. Jesus is at the bottom of this boat asleep. He is not awake to tell the disciples what to do. They have a decision to make do we keep going or do we turn back. The logical answer is to turn back, but Jesus told me there was something on the other side.

The question between these two biblical stories is the same. Should I turn around? You tried it and it didn't work. You pushed and you didn't make it.

Some of us are in the middle of the storm and we have to make a decision. Do we turn back? I followed what I was supposed to, I saw the promise land, if I can just get to the other side. But I am in this storm. I followed your directions. I moved how I was told to move, but this storm is deeper than anything I could have imagined. No one told me I would be homeless, no one told me I would be friendless. No one told me I would be fighting demons every night. Maybe I need to turn around.

There is a song I love called Midnight Train to Georgia, I love how Gladys supports her man. But that song is about failure. Instead of her man accomplishing his dreams, he decided to turn away. The song is a hit, but how many was this song their lives? How many people listen to this song and are reminded of what they gave up on.

It is important to understand that the both stories have immovable odds. It is important to understand that your situation whether by the water or in the storm, it will be a hard decision to make. Your past is coming for you or you are in the midst of something.

Do you turn around or do you keep going? Do you keep doing what God has showed you to do or do you give it all up. Do you keep working on your marriage or do you give it up. Do you keep reaching for your dreams or do you give it up? If you are in a storm or by the water, you might have to make some extremely hard decisions, but there is a reason why I want you to keep going.

There is a reason why I want you to keep pushing.

**\*\*\*Revelation 21:7 - KJV\*\*\***

*He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

Do you know what's hard, pushing forward through the storm. Do you know what's hard, waiting for God to open the sea. The easiest thing for you to do is to go back to the same mess, God took you out of. The easiest thing for you to do is to turn off the road and turn back to captivity.

Because the truth is that pushing forward is what makes you an overcomer. The truth is sometimes you have to be homeless in order to be great. The truth is sometimes you have to starve to be successful. What it doesn't take is you quitting.

Go ahead quit what God has created you to be. Go ahead quit because it was hard walk away. Go back to being miserable, go back to trying to find a way out. Go back to talking about it and not living it. Go back to Egypt, go back to the other side, but let me tell you something, you don't have to answer to me, you have to answer to God.

I have no problem with anyone who quits ministry because it was too hard, I understand it. Do you, but know I don't have the same respect for you. If God called you to do this then he equipped you to go through every storm and every sea. Don't tell me you gave up because it was hard. If it was easy everyone would be doing it. There is no such things as get rich quick ideas, they are all schemes. The truth is you can't have the good success you are looking for without giving up everything.

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The amount of struggle that I crawl through in the 4 years in this church, you have no idea. Listening to people complain about their cable not working, while your wife is home sick with a disease no one can diagnose. Being burnt out to the point where I almost gave up on everything, but I keep pushing. Oh you think this just happens you don't know the storms I have been through to make it this far. People leaving me and people abandoning me. When there was no one to preach to, but you want to quit because the earth shook a little.

You want to quit because one door closed on you. I am tired of weak people. It takes strength for a single mother to wake up everyday and take care of her children. It takes strength to overcome an addiction and still be clean. It takes strength to make it through the storm. It takes strength to wait by the water while your past approach. It takes strength to trust in the Lord.

**\*\*Exodus 3:7-8 - KJV\*\***

**And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.**

It's interesting that at this time of the story, they were still in the captivity of Egypt. God was telling them what He has in store for them. He was describing the land and how they would be free. But if they turned back around they would never see the promise land.

God has promised you this promised land. This land flowing with milk and honey. This land will you will be financially secure. This land where you don't have to go from house to house. The land will your abuser is not allowed. The land where you will have no more boss. The land where you find joy and love. The land where your past has no more hold over you. This land that only God can provide.

It is time to strap on your boots and keep pushing. You are not weak, you are strong. You are stronger than any storm. You are stronger than any sea or captive. Because you have the Holy Spirit inside of you.

You just have to believe it, no you just have to know it. You might not know where your next meal is coming from, you might not know where the money is coming from, but you have to know you are more than a conqueror and conquerors don't quit, they conquer. They overcome.

**Romans 8:36-37 - KJV**

*As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

We are not slaughtered. We have not lost. The fact that you made it this far is proof enough. You made it to the sea, you are in the midst of the storm. There is no turning back. There is only forward. I know some in your family won't understand it. I know some of your friends won't understand it. But you have to keep going the promise land is on the other side. Your land of milk and honey is on the other side.

You are able to achieve the impossible because of Him who loves you. You are able to accomplish the improbable Because of Jesus who loves you.

This is no time to get weak. I told you I don't like weak people but the Bible says let the weak say I am strong. November 1st the atmosphere will shift in your favor and you have to be prepared before that. You will come out of your storm but you have to hold on. This next week is going to be hard for some of you. This is not the time to quit. It is not the time to turn back but the the time to overcome.

If anyone needs prayer to help with the past, the sea or the storm, Please come up and for prayer. If you are online go into the app and send us a prayer request.

**Have everyone repeat the title :**

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### **Alter Call**

**If you would like get right with Jesus while there is still time. Please come to the front. If you want prayer come to the front. You want a healing come to the front. If you need anything from Jesus come to the front.**

### **Closing Prayer**

### **Benediction :**

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all Amen**

**2 Corinthians 13:14**