

The Day God Delivered

Exodus 13:17–22 / Exodus 14:1–14

Big Idea

God sometimes leads us into tight places, not to trap us, but to shape us. The Red Sea moment wasn't a mistake. It was a setup for deliverance.

Key Passages

- **Exodus 13:17–22** — God leads His people the long way, knowing they're not ready for war. His presence goes before them—cloud by day, fire by night.
- **Exodus 14:1–10** — Pharaoh pursues. The Israelites panic. Fear distorts memory and attacks leadership.
- **Exodus 14:13–14** — Moses stands firm and declares: "The Lord will fight for you. You need only to be still."

Four Principles for When You Feel Stuck

1. Don't Give in to Fear

Fear and faith live close together, but fear must not lead.

Fear blames others.

Fear forgets God's past faithfulness.

Fear rewrites history.

Fear creates spiritual amnesia.

Remember who God is, what He's done, and that His presence is still with you.

2. Resist the Urge to Run

Moses says, "Stand firm."

Pressure makes us want to escape.

We return to old attitudes, relationships, and resources.

God will lovingly lead us into similar situations until we learn to trust Him and stay put.

3. Don't Measure Your Failure by Your Resources

"You will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today."

If you measure your life by your problems vs. your resources, you'll feel hopeless.

Moses tried to act on his own strength and failed.

It's not about what you have. It's about who God is and what He wants to do.

4. Just Develop Your Trust in God

"The Lord will fight for you."

If God brought you to it, then He will bring you through it.

God loves the 11th hour.

Deliverance may not look how you expect, but it will come.

Final Encouragement

If you're stuck today, between the army and the sea, this story is for you.

Don't fear. Don't run. Don't measure your life by your resources.

Stand firm. Be still. Trust God.

He still parts seas.