

Pastor Derek Forseth August 24, 2025 EXODUS 13:17-18 ⁷ Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." 18 So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE THE ENEMY SEEMS TO HAVE THE UPPER HAND?



EXODUS 13:18

¹⁸ So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

WHY DOES THIS SEEM SO HARD LORD?

ISAIAH 55:8-9

8 "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

GOD SEES WHAT WE DON'T SEE, AND HE GUIDES US WHERE WE WOULDN'T ALWAYS GO.

PSALMS 121:2

2 My help *comes* from the LORD,Who made heaven and earth.



IF GOD IS GUIDING MY LIFE, AM I REALLY TRUSTING HIM?

EXODUS 14:9-12

⁹ So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

¹⁰ And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ Then they said to Moses, "Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For *it would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

GALATIANS 6:9

⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

EXODUS 14:13-14

afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

WE NEED TO TAKE OUR EYES OFF OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND FIX OUR EYES ON THE LORD.

GOD IS ALWAYS LEADING US BUT ARE WE ALWAYS FOLLOWING?

EXODUS 14:13

¹³ And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation^[a] of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall [a]direct your paths.

EXODUS 14:14

14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

EXODUS 14:15-16

15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

EXODUS 14:19-28

¹⁹ And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. ²⁰ So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness *to the one,* and it gave light by night *to the other,* so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry *land*, and the waters were divided. ²² So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry *ground*, and the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³ And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

EXODUS 14:19-28

²⁴ Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He [a]troubled the army of the Egyptians. ²⁵ And He [b]took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." ²⁷ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. ²⁸ Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, *and* all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained.

I MAY NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD IS DOING OR HOW GOD IS DOING IT, BUT I CAN DETERMINE IN MY HEART TO FOLLOW GOD'S LEADING.

EXODUS 14:31

Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.