

“Between the Devil and the
Deep Red Sea”
Exodus 14

Deliverance from God will come in unexpected places and requires
faith to access it

- Before God gives you a new life, sometimes He has to uproot parts of the old.

Exodus 14:1-2 (New International Version)

¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, ² "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon.

- Hebrews in a hopeless and vulnerable spot.

Exodus 14:3-4 (New International Version)

³ Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' ⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." So the Israelites did this.

- Pharaoh is not done.

Exodus 14:5 (New International Version)

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!"

- He is going to take control. Does the Almighty God know who He is?

Exodus 14:6-7 (New International Version)

⁶ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷ He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.

- So the armies of Pharaoh and Pharaoh followed them and overtook them.

- The sight of the Egyptian army struck fear in the hearts of the Hebrews.

Exodus 14:11-12 (New International Version)

¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

- Moses kept his focus on God.

Exodus 14:13-14 (New International Version)

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

- Do not fear.
- Stand by.
- See.
- Keep silent.

- God holds back the army.

Exodus 14:19-20 (New International Version)

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

- Moses turns toward the Red Sea.

Exodus 14:21 (New International Version)

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,

- The Hebrews went through the waters.

Exodus 14:22 (New International Version)

²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

- The Egyptians follow.

Exodus 14:26-28 (New International Version)

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward ^a it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

- The outcome, the people praise God and Trust.

Exodus 14:31 (New International Version)

³¹ And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

- What have we learned?

First, it takes tight places to break lifetime habits.

Second, when hemmed in all sides, the only place to look is up.

Third, if the Lord is to get the glory, then He must do the fighting.

Fourth, "Red Seas" open and close at the Lord's command, no one else's.