

It's Decision Time Facing Your Red Sea

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Key Text: Exodus 14:5–18 (NASB 1995)

Introduction

The Israelites, delivered from Egypt by the blood of the Passover lamb, leave boldly with provisions and gifts from their former oppressors. Pharaoh hardens his heart once more, pursues with his full military might, and traps them against the Red Sea. What should have been a straight path to the Promised Land becomes a crisis of faith. The people fear, complain, and long to return to slavery. This account shows what happens when life deviates from our plans—and what God demands in response: silence to fear, trust in His salvation, and forward movement by faith.

I. Fear Dominates When We Fixate on Circumstances (Exodus 14:9–12)

- The Egyptians overtake the camp by the sea.
- Israel looks and sees only the approaching army: “they became very frightened” (v. 10).
- They cry out to the LORD and accuse Moses:
 - “Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?” (v. 11)
 - “It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness” (v. 12).
- **Warning:** Focusing solely on the problem—disease, financial collapse, family breakdown, relational strife—invites fear, which erodes faith (Matthew 6:25–34).
- **Rebuke:** They had seen God’s ten plagues destroy Egypt’s gods, yet at this test they forget His power and rebel at the sea (Psalm 106:7).
- **Application:** In your Red Sea, are you seeing only the enemy, or do you still see the God who has delivered you before?

II. Stand Still and See the Salvation of the LORD (Exodus 14:13–14)

- Moses declares: “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent” (vv. 13–14).
- **Encouragement:** The oppressors who enslaved, abused, and murdered will be removed forever—if the people will cease complaining and trust God to fight.
- **Application:** Shut your mouth to grumbling and fear. Stand still. Watch God deliver.
- **Scripture:** “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10); “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You” (Psalm 56:3–4); the LORD is our Shepherd in the valley of death (Psalm 23:4).

III. Go Forward by Faith (Exodus 14:15–18)

- The LORD rebukes the ongoing cries: “Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward” (v. 15).
- Moses must stretch out his staff, divide the sea, and lead on dry ground. God hardens the Egyptians so He may be honored through their destruction (vv. 16–18).
- **Application:** Faith requires obedience. After standing still to behold God’s power, the people must step forward into the divided sea—walls of water on both sides, never-before-seen miracle beneath their feet.
- **Encouragement:** The ultimate Red Sea is the cross. Having left sin’s slavery, we stand before Christ’s blood. Will we cross by faith or retreat to bondage? Shut your mouth to excuses, stand in awe of the cross, and take the leap.
- **Scripture:** Put on the full armor of God to stand firm (Ephesians 6:10–20); nothing separates us from God’s love (Romans 8:31, 38–39).

Conclusion / Call to Action

Red Sea moments expose whether we will complain like Israel or trust like Moses. God still fights for His people. He still parts impossible barriers. He still calls us to go forward. Resolve today: in every trial, silence fear, stand still to see His salvation, then move forward in faith. The God who divided the sea and raised Christ from the dead is with you. Who can stand against Him?

Slide Deck (12 Slides)

Slide 1 — Title Slide

Main Content:

- It's Decision Time: Facing Your Red Sea
- Exodus 14:5–18

Design Intent:

- Background tone: neutral
- Emphasis: instructive
- Mood: reverent

Slide 2 — The Trap at the Red Sea

Main Content:

- Israel leaves Egypt boldly after Passover
- Pharaoh pursues with chariots and army
- Trapped: sea ahead, enemies behind

Scripture:

- Exodus 14:5–9

Design Intent:

- Background tone: light
- Emphasis: serious
- Mood: challenging

Slide 3 — Fear Takes Hold

Main Content:

- They look and see only the Egyptians
- “They became very frightened”
- Cry out in despair and sarcasm

Scripture:

- Exodus 14:10

Design Intent:

- Background tone: neutral
- Emphasis: warning
- Mood: serious

Slide 4 — Israel's Bitter Complaint

Main Content:

- “No graves in Egypt?”
- “Better to serve Egyptians than die here”
- Longing to return to slavery

Scripture:

- Exodus 14:11–12

Design Intent:

- Background tone: light
- Emphasis: rebuke
- Mood: serious

Slide 5 — The Danger of Fear

Main Content:

- Fixating on circumstances invites fear
- Fear destroys faith little by little
- Examples: disease, money, relationships

Scripture:

- Matthew 6:25–34

Design Intent:

- Background tone: neutral
- Emphasis: warning
- Mood: challenging

Slide 6 — Moses' Command

Main Content:

- “Do not fear!”
- “Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD”
- “The Egyptians... you will never see again”

Scripture:

- Exodus 14:13

Design Intent:

- Background tone: warm
- Emphasis: encouraging
- Mood: hopeful

Slide 7 — The LORD Will Fight

Main Content:

- “The LORD will fight for you”
- “While you keep silent”
- Stop complaining; trust Him

Scripture:

- Exodus 14:14

Design Intent:

- Background tone: light
- Emphasis: encouraging
- Mood: reverent

Slide 8 — The LORD's Rebuke

Main Content:

- “Why are you crying out to Me?”
- “Tell the sons of Israel to go forward”
- Faith demands action

Scripture:

- Exodus 14:15

Design Intent:

- Background tone: neutral

- Emphasis: serious
- Mood: challenging

Slide 9 — The Miracle Commanded

Main Content:

- Stretch out your staff
- Divide the sea
- Cross on dry land

Scripture:

- Exodus 14:16

Design Intent:

- Background tone: warm
- Emphasis: instructive
- Mood: hopeful

Slide 10 — God's Glory in Judgment

Main Content:

- God hardens Egyptians' hearts
- He will be honored through Pharaoh
- Egyptians will know “I am the LORD”

Scripture:

- Exodus 14:17–18

Design Intent:

- Background tone: light
- Emphasis: serious
- Mood: reverent

Slide 11 — Promises for the Trial

Main Content:

- Be still and know God (Psalm 46:10)
- Trust when afraid (Psalm 56:3–4)
- Shepherd in the valley (Psalm 23:4)

Design Intent:

- Background tone: warm
- Emphasis: encouraging
- Mood: hopeful

Slide 12 — Decision Time: Move Forward

Main Content:

- Take the leap of faith
- God is with us and in control
- Nothing separates us from His love

Scripture:

- Romans 8:31, 38–39

Design Intent:

- Background tone: neutral with warm accents
- Emphasis: challenging / hopeful
- Mood: reverent / encouraging