



What Do I Do When There Are No More Options?

Facing the Dead Ends
Exodus 14:10-16, 21-22, 31

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Exodus 14:10-16, 21-22, 31, “10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. 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!’ 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.’ 15 Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. 16 Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground...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, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left...31 And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.’” (NIV)

The Red Sea represents my impossibility.

Q: What is an impossible situation I am facing?

When facing the impossibilities of life, often there is...

- **Skepticism and Sarcasm** (11)
- **Selfishness and Scapegoats** (11)
- **Stubbornness and Shortsightedness** (12)

In impossible situations, I need to...

- **Let go of fear.** (13)
- **Learn to wait on God.** (13)
- **Look up to God.** (13-14)

Exodus 13:18, 21, “18 So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.... 21 By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light...” (NIV)

- **Launch out in faith.** (15-16)

God usually takes you through your problems, not around them.

Why does God lead me into impossible situations?

Exodus 14:31, “And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.” (NIV)

God leads me into impossible situations for God’s glory and my growth.

Q: What am I attempting that I cannot accomplish without the intervention of God?

Give Life

We have to: Pray: “God, show me what you want me to do and give me the courage to do it.”