



MESSAGE REVIEW

At some point in our lives nearly all of us land in a spot that causes us to say, "It wasn't supposed to be like this." Following Jesus will sometimes be a path of pain, but it's never without purpose. In the story of the Red Sea, God delivers His people in miraculous fashion. We serve that same God today! A God who fights for His people, who delivers them from sin and enemies, and who makes a way for them to be with Him. He deserves our awe, our worship, and all the glory.

WARM UP QUESTION

What's the most beautiful drive you've ever taken?

- 1** **Read Exodus 13:17-18 and 14:1-6.** What twofold purpose does the roundabout route to the Promised Land serve? What end goal does God already have planned? Talk about a time in your life when God took you on an unexpected route that led to something good and Him receiving glory.
- 2** **Read Exodus 14:10-14.** What reaction do the Israelites have as their enemy approaches? Do you think Moses knows what's going to happen? How does he speak with such confidence? What seemingly impossible situation are you facing right now that you need to invite God into?
- 3** **Read Exodus 14:15-20.** Does God's response to Moses in verse 15 seem contrary to what Moses has just told the people in verses 13-14? Aren't we supposed to cry out to God? How do you reconcile these two commands and what might they be saying about your heart posture? Where do you need to get moving?
- 4** **Read Exodus 14:21-25.** Describe what you think the Israelites must have been thinking and feeling as you read verse 22. What second miracle does God perform in these verses? What do these non-believing soldiers recognize in the midst of such miracles? Is there a time in your life when stepping out in faith was a testimony to others around you?
- 5** **Read Exodus 14:26-31.** What words in these verses give evidence to a full and complete deliverance (vv. 28-29 especially)? How is this story also a metaphor for salvation? How do the Israelites react? Does your awe of God need reignited?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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