



Detours, Delays & Dead-Ends

Pt. 3 – “3 Choices We Can Make When We’re Afraid For Our Future”
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WE BECOME AFRAID WHEN GOD ASKS US TO DO SOMETHING THAT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE.

“Then the Lord gave these instructions to Moses: “Order the Israelites to turn back and camp by Pi-hahiroth between Migdol and the sea. Camp there along the shore, across from Baal-zephon. Then Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are confused. They are trapped in the wilderness!’ And once again I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will chase after you. I have planned this in order to display My glory through Pharaoh and his whole army. After this the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord!” So the Israelites camped there as they were told.”

Exodus 14:1-4 (NLT)

WE BECOME AFRAID WHEN WE CAN SEE OUR CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT NOT THE CAUSE BEHIND THEM.

“When word reached the king of Egypt that the Israelites had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds. “What have we done, letting all those Israelite slaves get away?” they asked. So Pharaoh harnessed his chariot and called up his troops. He took with him 600 of Egypt’s best chariots, along with the rest of the chariots of Egypt, each with its commander. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, so he chased after the people of Israel, who had left with fists raised in defiance. The Egyptians chased after them with all the forces in Pharaoh’s army—all his horses and chariots, his charioteers, and his troops. The Egyptians caught up with the people of Israel as they were camped beside the shore near Pi-hahiroth, across from Baal-zephon. As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked”

Exodus 14:5-10a (NLT)

3 CHOICES WE CAN MAKE WHEN WE ARE AFRAID FOR OUR FUTURE

1. WE CAN CHOOSE TO PRAY, AND NOT PANIC.

“As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord...”

Exodus 14:10 (NLT)

2. WE CAN CHOOSE TO BAND TOGETHER INSTEAD OF BLAME.

“...and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’”

Exodus 14:11-12 (NLT)

3. WE CAN CHOOSE CALM OVER CHAOS.

“But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord Himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

Exodus 14:13-14 (NLT)