



Detours, Delays & Dead-Ends

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BIG IDEA... GOD IN IT IS OUR WAY OUT OF IT

SOMETIMES IT IS LIKE A WALL OF WATER WITH NO VISIBLE WAY THROUGH...

As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the LORD, 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 14:10-12

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

THEY FORGOT THAT... GOD IN IT IS OUR WAY OUT OF IT WHEN OUR BACKS ARE AGAINST THE WALL...

IT IS TIMES LIKE THESE THAT OUR FAITH IS IN CRISIS... HERE'S WHY.

YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO BE SELF-DEPENDENT AND GOD INDEPENDENT

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the people to get moving! Pick up your staff and raise your hand over the sea. Divide the water so the Israelites can walk through the middle of the sea on dry ground."

Exodus 14:15-16

And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will charge in after the Israelites. My great glory will be displayed through Pharaoh and his troops, his chariots, and his charioteers. When My glory is displayed through them, all Egypt will see My glory and know that I am the LORD!"

Exodus 14:17-18

Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the LORD opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that night, turning the seabed into dry land. So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!

Exodus 14:21-22

TALE OF 2 MOMENTS...

- **BEFORE = CONCERN & CONFUSION.**
- **DURING = CLARITY & CONFIDENCE**

Then the Egyptians—all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and charioteers—chased them into the middle of the sea. But just before dawn the LORD looked down on the Egyptian army from the pillar of fire and cloud, and He threw their forces into total confusion. He twisted their chariot wheels, making their chariots difficult to drive. "Let's get out of here—away from these Israelites!" the Egyptians shouted. "The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!"

Exodus 14:23-25

GOD IN IT IS OUR WAY OUT OF IT THEIR DEAD END HAD GOD'S FULL ATTENTION...

Then the waters returned and covered all the chariots and charioteers—the entire army of Pharaoh. Of all the Egyptians who had chased the Israelites into the sea, not a single one survived.

Exodus 14:28

That is how the LORD rescued Israel from the hand of the Egyptians that day. When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the LORD had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before Him. They put their faith in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

Exodus 14:29-31

*When the Red Sea saw You, O God, its waters looked and trembled! The sea quaked to its very depths... Your road led through the sea, Your pathway through the mighty waters— **a pathway no one knew was there!***

Psalms 77:16-19

As evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

Mark 4:35-37

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with His head on a cushion. The disciples woke Him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

Mark 4:38

When Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and said to the water, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then He asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this Man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey Him!"

Mark 4:39-41

Prayer... God you led and will continue to lead your people along pathways no one knew was there... God you repositioned your family Israel to know and trust you... Help us embrace that in our dead ends we have your full attention...

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