

# "WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO?"

## SERMON SUMMARY

In this sermon, we return to the story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea as described in Exodus 14. We pick up the last of ten principles, pulled from the "Red Sea Rules," which provide guidance for navigating difficult times. These rules emphasize trusting God's plan, focusing on His glory, praying earnestly, and taking steps of faith even when the path is unclear. The story of the Red Sea crossing serves as a powerful reminder of God's deliverance and faithfulness, encouraging us to trust Him in our own challenging circumstances.

There are many parallels between the Israelites' deliverance and our own spiritual journey, emphasizing that just as God made a way through the Red Sea, He has made a way for us through Jesus Christ. The message concluded with a call to remember God's past faithfulness, trust Him in the present, and praise Him for His ongoing work in our lives.

## KEY VERSES

**Exodus 14:13-14 (NLT)** - "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. 14The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.""

**Psalms 46:10 (NLT)** - ""Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.""

**Isaiah 43:2 (NLT)** - "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

**Romans 8:28 (NLT)** - "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. "

## QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most from today's sermon?
2. How have you experienced God's deliverance in your own life?
3. Which of the "Red Sea Rules" do you find most challenging to apply, and why?
4. How can we be more concerned with God's glory than our own relief in difficult situations?
5. What does it mean to you to "stand still and watch the Lord rescue you"?
6. How can we better acknowledge our enemies while keeping our eyes on God?
7. Share a time when you took a step of faith even when the path was unclear. What was the outcome?
8. How can we use our current crises as faith builders for the future?

## LIFE APPLICATION

This week, identify a specific area in your life where you feel "hemmed in" by difficulties. Commit to praying earnestly about this situation, asking God to show you the next step of faith you need to take. Trust in His timing and provision, and look for ways to glorify Him through your actions and attitude. Realize that God means for you to be where you are. Whether He led you there or allowed you to be there, He has a purpose for your situation. Trust that He is working for your good and His glory. Don't forget to praise God for His deliverance. Use your current crisis as a faith builder for the future, remembering His past faithfulness and trusting Him for what lies ahead.