

## **Exodus**

### **Moses & The Sea- week 8**

**April 12, 2026**

As we journey through Exodus together, create space to listen, reflect, and grow. There is no pressure to have the “right” answers – only an invitation to be present. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead the conversation and to gently shape your heart along the way.

#### **Open up together:**

- Before GPS, did you ever get really lost while driving somewhere? What happened?
- Which do you prefer: clear directions or figuring it out as you go? Why?

#### **Read Together:**

##### **Exodus 13:17-18**

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.

##### **Exodus 13:22 -23**

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, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

##### **Exodus 14:5-7 & 10 -12**

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. **They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.** 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? 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!"

### **Exodus 14:13-14**

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. The LORD will fight for you; **you need only to be still.**"

### **Exodus 14:15-16 & 21-22**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. 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.

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, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

### **Reflect & Share:**

- The message says God doesn't always lead us on the shortest or easiest path. Why do you think that is, and how have you experienced that in your own life?
- The Israelites moved from skepticism to fear pretty quickly. Why do you think it's so easy for us to shift from trusting (or questioning) God to feeling afraid when things don't go as expected? When have you sensed God leading you, but still felt unsure or afraid to follow?
- We often quit before we get to the "exciting" part of what God wants to do. What makes it hard to keep trusting God when things feel uncertain or slow?

- The Israelites still had to step forward into the Red Sea. What might be one bold step God is inviting you to take right now?
- Where do you see yourself right now—skeptical, fearful, excited, or bold—and what would it look like to take one step forward this week?

**Pray Together:**

Take a moment to ask God to show you where you are in your journey right now—skeptical, fearful, excited, or bold.

Pray for the courage to trust His leading, even when the path isn't clear, and ask Him to help you take your next step of obedience this week.