



JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

8.18.24

BEYOND SUNDAY

Crossing the Red Sea — Exodus 14:5-23 — Mark Turney

- 1. Personal Crisis Reflection:** The Israelites felt trapped between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army. Can you think of a time in your life when you felt similarly trapped between two seemingly impossible choices? How did you handle that situation?
- 2. Understanding Fear and Anxiety:** The Israelites were filled with fear as they faced the approaching Egyptian army. How do you typically respond when faced with overwhelming fear or anxiety? What strategies do you use to cope?
- 3. Trust in Uncertainty:** Moses told the Israelites to "be still" and trust in God's deliverance. What does being still in the face of crisis mean to you? How can you cultivate a sense of stillness and trust in moments of uncertainty?
- 4. Past Experiences and Faith:** The Israelites' memory of past miracles was overshadowed by their current fear. Can you share an instance where remembering past experiences of God's faithfulness helped you in a current struggle?
- 5. The Role of God's Promises:** How do God's promises in Scripture, such as those found in Psalm 43, help you when you are feeling overwhelmed or trapped? How do you apply these promises in your daily life?

6. **Trust and Action:** The Israelites had to take a step of faith by walking through the parted sea. Have you ever had to take a bold step of faith despite uncertainty? What was that experience like, and how did it impact your faith?
7. **God's Timing and Intervention:** The deliverance of the Israelites came in a dramatic and timely manner. Have you ever experienced a situation where God's intervention came at the last moment? How did it affect your view of God's timing?
8. **Emotional Reactions to Deliverance:** After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites saw their enemies defeated. How do you react emotionally when you see resolution to a long-standing problem or when you experience relief from a difficult situation?
9. **Preparation for Future Challenges:** Given the Israelites' experience of God's deliverance, how can you prepare yourself spiritually and mentally for future challenges? What practices or habits help you stay connected to God during difficult times?
10. **Living in Faithful Response:** The sermon concludes by encouraging a life of faithful appreciation and trust in God. How can you cultivate a lifestyle that reflects appreciation for God's past provision and trust in His future plans for you?

These questions are designed to provoke thoughtful discussion and personal reflection, helping you relate the biblical story to your own experiences and faith journeys.