

***Five Biblical Thoughts When Facing A Sea Of Trouble!
Grit Before Greatness!***

Pt. 2

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Exodus 3:7, *The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.*

Five Biblical Thoughts When Facing A Sea Of Trouble:

1) You Can Follow God Fully And Still Find Yourself In A TOUGH SPOT

Exodus 14:1, *Then the Lord said to Moses, ²“Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp... between Migdol and the sea... ³Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ ⁴And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for Myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.” So the Israelites did this.*

Proverbs 3:5, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

2) Tough Spots Can Cause Us To Think Some CRAZY THINGS

Exodus 14:10, *As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They 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? ¹²Didn’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!”

Philippians 4:6, *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

3) Tough Spots Require FAITH-FILLED ACTION

Exodus 14:13, *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. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶Raise 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.”*

1 Corinthians 15:58, *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

4) We Must Never Forget That God Is FIGHTING FOR US

Exodus 14:26, *Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” ²⁷Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. ²⁸The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the*

sea...

2 Chronicles 20:15, ...*This is what the LORD says to you:
'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army.
For the battle is not yours, but God's.*

5) **Remember Past Victories, Trust God For FUTURE
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Exodus 14:31, *And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand
of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared
the Lord and put their trust in Him and in Moses His servant.*

How Do We Live Going Forward?

Philippians 1:27, *Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a
manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...striving together as
one for the faith of the gospel.*

Next Steps:

- 1) Read Exodus 14 in its entirety, as well as, the Song of Moses
in Exodus 15:1-19.
- 2) Be back next week as I share how your “Bitterness Can Be
Turned Into Betterness!”