

FAITH FACTOR
#2 – FAITH IN ACTION
EXODUS 13-14

Intro: Faith is not faith until it is lived. We see from Moses what faith in action is all about.

So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle... Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Midgol and the seas. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' And 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... The Egyptians – all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops – pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon. Exodus 13:18; 14:1-4, 9

I. When Following God In Faith, We Will Face Challenges

Like Moses, we will face these challenges:

- *Egyptian Enemies* – those who actively _____ God, and thus us.
- *Red Sea Obstacles* – the natural _____ in our lives that hinder our personal and spiritual progress.
- *The Desert* – The environment and atmosphere of the situation that is devoid of any earthly support or _____.
- **✝ Key Principle:** God will often lead us _____, not away from, a confrontation with our enemies and obstacles, establishing what seems like an impossible challenge.
- *Why?* So we can see the **glory** of God. allow Him to supply our needs, and grow in faith.

🔥 WORD WEALTH: *Glory* – the Hebrew word means “heavy in weight,” referring to the importance of God’s presence; a direct encounter with God carries “weight” and should not be taken lightly. God’s glory is for His purposes to further His kingdom.

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were 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 14:10-15

II. When We Face Challenges, We Often Respond In Fear

Our natural human analysis and response lead to:

- Confusion, _____, blaming, second-guessing
- Dependence and compromise with the world’s ways for rescue
- Blaming _____ guidance for the trouble

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." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the Israelites to move on."
Exodus 14:13-15

III. Instead of Fear, We Can Trust God In Faith



Faith-Action – Faith is not only intellectually believing and agreeing with God, but “living your beliefs” by acting out your faith through God-directed actions. See James 2:20-24.

➔ **Key Principle:** God wants us to partner with Him in His miracles. Jesus did this with His disciples in the feeding of the 5,000. See Mark 6:32-44.

The Supernatural Pro-Active Faith-Action Steps:

- “Don’t be _____.” – Have faith and courage.
- “Stand _____.” – Don’t retreat, don’t run.
- “See the _____ of the Lord.” – Confidence and expectation.
- “Be _____.” – No grumbling, complaining, and second-guessing, listen to God.
- “The Lord _____” – Hear God speak, giving encouragement and instruction.
- “Move _____” as God directs! Walk by faith, not by sight. (II Corinthians 5:7)

But the Israelites went through the Sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.
Exodus 14:29-30

IV. When We Act in True Faith, God Provides

- God didn’t lead the Israelites _____ from, or around the challenge, but straight through it! A miracle! He will provide for our needs His way.
- When we trust God to be Lord, we allow Him to handle the challenge His way, in His time, and we follow His directions – “faith-action”.
- Many times God’s work will _____ be instantaneous, and will be less dramatic. Trust in His ways, and keep on in faith-action.

Faith in not faith until you live it by faith-action!

Answers: I. Oppose; obstacles; hope; into. II. Fear; divine. III. Afraid; firm; deliverance; still; said; forward.
IV. Away; not.

Inner Action – Applying These Truths Today

- 1) Are you facing any “Impossible” challenges in your life today?
- 2) Who are your “Egyptian enemies” and what are your “Red Sea obstacles?”
- 3) Do you, too often, respond with fear, and count on the world’s ways for rescue, or depend on God?
- 4) What do you need to do, based on the six supernatural ***faith-action*** steps?