

# EXODUS

PART 2: IDENTITY



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## Red Sea Crossing

Exodus 14:1-31

### Message Big Idea

God is most glorified in us when we are most secure in Him.

### Belong

When you are driving somewhere, do you prefer to take the quickest route or the scenic route? Why?

### Grow

1. Read Exodus 13:17-18, 20-22. Did God lead them through the desert the shortest way? Why or why not? How did God lead them? Did God lead them in the best way? When has God led you in what seemed to be the 'long way around'? How did you react? What was the result?
2. Considering Exodus 14:1-2, 10-12, in what ways was this a time of transition for the Israelites? How did they react to this transition? When have you gone through a transitional time? How did you respond?
3. Looking at Exodus 14:10-11,14, what was the situation? How did the Israelites respond? What does this reveal about the Israelites? How did Moses respond? What did this reveal about Moses? In difficult situations, how have you responded? What has this revealed about your level of trust in the Lord?
4. Read Exodus 14:10-14. What is the difference between being set free and living free? Were the Israelites truly free at that time? Why or why not? What is the key to freedom? In what areas of your life do you still need to be set free? Why?
5. Look at Exodus 14:14. When is God most glorified in us? When are we most secure in Him? How does God get the glory?

6. In Exodus 14:15-16, what did God tell Moses to do? How do you know when it is time to stop praying and take action?
7. Read Exodus 14: 21-31 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-2. How does the Red Sea crossing illustrate an Old Testament picture of baptism? How does baptism function as a New Testament Red Sea crossing? Have you been baptized yet? If yes, what prompted you to be baptized? If not, why? Do you plan to be baptized?

## Belong

Consider Exodus 14:23-31. What brought the Egyptian army to fear the Lord? What brought the Israelites to fear the Lord? What relationship between fear and trust does Exodus 14:31 illustrate? How might your fear and trust in the Lord affect others in your life who do not yet know Christ?

## Going Deeper

Looking at Exodus 14:21-21, when you face a 'Red Sea crossing' type of situation, how are you likely to respond? How did you experience God in this situation? What did you learn and how did you change from this situation?