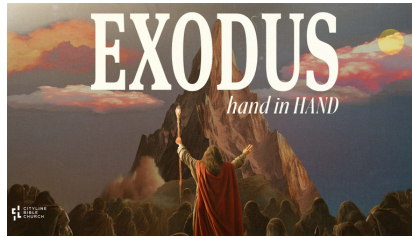


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Exodus 13:17-14:31

Sermon by Pastor Mo

The Red Sea crossing is one of the most famous stories one of the most famous stories in the bible. Early in the exodus from slavery, Israel is led by God to what would seem to be an inevitable defeat. We also feel this tension in life as we journey with God. We thank God that the Lord will fight the battle!

Sermon Outline

1. The presence of the Lord to lead you (ch. 13:21).
2. The salvation of the Lord to work for you (ch. 14:13).
3. The power of the Lord to humble you (ch. 14:31).

Ice Breaker

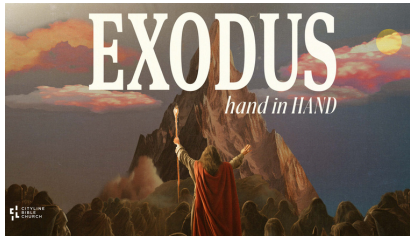
Have you ever been stuck in a situation that you couldn't get out of and needed someone to help? How did that work out?

Application

1. God led Israel out of Egypt by a very indirect route toward the Red Sea. This was God's wisdom in that the most convenient way was not the best way. What does this mean for how God deals with his people today? How has this worked out in your life?
2. God led Israel through the wilderness by the pillars of cloud and fire. What does this say about who God is and how he deals with his people? Why do you think the pillars of cloud and fire are significant?
3. God brought Israel to the shore of the Red Sea with the Egyptians at their back. Why did God bring them into this impossible situation where there was no way out?
4. The text says that God hardened Pharaoh's heart (14:8). This can seem offensive to us, but we must remember that Pharaoh was already bent towards this mentality. Why does God give Pharaoh over to his own evil desires?

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5. The Israelites say it would have been better to stay in Egypt than to die in the wilderness (14:12). There is some of this in every human heart, and it tends to show up when we find out that God's ways prove more difficult than we expect. What is God's response to Israel's grumbling? What does this tell you about who God is?

6. Paul connects this Red Sea event to baptism in 1 Cor 10:1-2. Ultimately this shows that it is a type of our final deliverance in Christ and that it is God who does the work to deliver us from slavery to sin and death. Spend some time in prayer thanking God for this and asking his guidance for how to live in light of it.

