

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. When was the last time you had trouble sleeping? What kept you awake?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Exodus 13:17-22.
 - What do you see?
 - What was God's concern?
 - What's your breaking point?
 - What causes you to walk away?
3. How did God guide the Israelites? What does this tell you about God?
4. Read Exodus 14:1-4.
 - How did the Israelites feel during this time?
 - Why didn't they think about how God worked through the 10 plagues in Egypt?
 - What does this say about our tendencies when we are confused and feel trapped?
 - Have you ever felt the same?
 - Describe the situation.
5. Pastor Ruben said, "Just because you feel confused doesn't mean God is confused. Sometimes God puts us in situations that are out of our control. There's a bigger purpose at work.". What are your thoughts?
6. Please read Exodus 14:5-9.
 - What's happening?
 - How do you think this made the Israelites feel?

- Do you think the Israelites were surprised?
7. Please read Exodus 14:10-12.
- Look at the pattern of the Israelites. What was their first emotion? What did they do?
 - Then, they went back to the first emotion. Can we be guilty of this?
 - Why did they panic after they prayed?
 - What did they say and do to their spiritual leader, Moses?
 - How do you think Moses felt?
8. Pastor Ruben said, "Behind your fear and confusion could be God's greatest moment." Thoughts?
- They faced problems and they wanted to go back to Egypt. They preferred the old life of slavery over the new life of a Promised Land. What does this say about our humanity?
9. Finish reading the rest of Exodus 14:13-31. What strikes you in this chapter?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God is so good. He is with you!
- If a problem comes up again, God is not done with using it.
- Behind your fear and confusion could be God's greatest moment.
- Just because you face problems, doesn't mean you need to go back to Egypt.