

## Life of Moses Study (October 18, 2020)

### OPENING QUESTION:

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### READ Exodus 14:1-6, 10-14

**NOTE:** After the Tenth Plague, the LORD brought judgment on the Egyptians by taking the lives of all their firstborn. As a result, "the Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste...(Exodus 12:33) and just as God promised Abraham and Moses they left with great possessions of silver, gold, and clothing given to them by the Egyptians (Genesis 15:14; Exodus 3:22; 12:35-36). The LORD went before the people by day in a pillar of cloud and by night in a pillar of fire. He led them toward the Red Sea (Exodus 12:17-22).

"God's people were starting down the road to freedom. They were bound for the Promised Land. That being the case, one would expect them to head north...It was the most direct route. In fact, if the Israelites had headed straight for Canaan, they would have arrived there in less than two weeks (rather than the forty years it eventually took them!)...That would have been the shortest way, but it was not the best way because it was not God's way. God knew that if the Israelites stayed near the sea, they would face fierce resistance...God knew they were in no shape to fight." (Preaching the Word-Exodus by Philip Graham Ryken)

1. The Lord directed Moses to have the Israelites set up camp in such a way that they were hemmed in by desert and high mountains on the sides and in front by the water (as if they were in a cul-de-sac). Why did the God place them in such a position? Can you share a time when you were in circumstances with no "possible way out" and God delivered you?

2. God said "I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host" (Exodus 14:4b). God allowed the enemy to think they had the strategic advantage. How did God use this strategy to bring Him Glory when His Son was crucified?

3. What had the Israelites forgotten concerning their exit from Egypt? How would remembering God's faithfulness to you benefit you in difficult situations?

4. What had Pharaoh and his servants forgotten concerning the Israelites' exit from Egypt?

5. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" The Lord declares in Isaiah 55:8, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." Discuss what happened when the Israelites leaned on their own understanding and thoughts. How have you struggled with trusting God just as the Israelites?

6. In response to Moses's doubts and questions after his first approach to Pharaoh, the Lord made a promise to Moses (Exodus 5:22-6:7). How was this fulfilled in Exodus 14:1-31?

7. Recall from previous Exodus passages how Moses had matured into a more confident leader of God's people.

8. Moses told the people "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you today...the LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." From Exodus 14:13-14; Deuteronomy 20:4; Joshua 1:9; Proverbs 20:22; and Ephesians 6:11-12, share what you learn about the Lord, believers, and warfare.

9. Describe from Exodus 14:1-31 what the Lord revealed about Himself to:

The Egyptians

The Israelites

You