Victory: Courage
Exodus 14:10-20
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Exodus 14:10-20: As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. [11] 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? [12] 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!" [13] 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. [14] The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." [15] Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. [16] Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. [17] I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. [18] The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen." [19] Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, [20] coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community

1. _____ of helplessness

_____fear: As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the LORD… Exodus 14:10 (NLT)

_____ blame: "We told you so! We told you then, 'Leave us alone, and let us serve the Egyptians!' It would be better to serve them than to die here!" Exodus 14:12 (JOT)

2. _____ God's victory in difficulty

_____ in faith rather than fear: Moses said, "Be courageous, stand, and watch God's saving victory which he will do for you on this day!" Exodus 14:13a (JOT)

_____ remembering rather than reacting: "Remember what you have seen in your deliverance from Egypt, is this any different! You will never have to worry about their enslavement….The Lord will fight for you, but calm down and focus upon the Lord!" Exodus 14:13b-14 (JOT)

_____ready rather than reluctant: The Lord said to Moses, "Why are you standing here crying out to me! Get these people moving, right now! Stretch out your hand…I will be glorified…the Egyptians will know that I am God!" Exodus 14:15-18 (JOT)

3. _____ God's victory

_____to Christ: "I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace... you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." John 16:33 (MSG)

Spiritual Action Step:

How do you need to strengthen your connection with Jesus? Are you tired of living in fear and uncertainty? Jesus said, *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16) Accept what Christ has done for you and share this resurrection power for your life! **Admit that you are helpless to save yourself and that you need God's saving grace!** Be still and know that Christ is God. Proclaim him Lord of your life. Commit yourself to stand in the power of God's grace. This week, read Exodus 14 and John 16 to find the courage to stand in God's power!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; NLT: New Living Translation; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; MSG: The Message.