

The Move-On Type Of Faith

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Exodus 14

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

At the Red Sea, with an army closing in behind them, Moses cried out to God. God's answer is surprising: why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to move on. Pastor Matt preached this on the church's second anniversary, and his point was simple. Certainty is not a prerequisite for obedience. The sea opened for people who were already walking. He compared two kinds of faith: one that receives salvation and leaves it on a shelf to gather dust, and one that keeps taking steps. The promise gets fulfilled in the walking.

To get started

- What is something you started before you felt ready, and how did it turn out?

Looking back at the message

The package-on-a-shelf image is the one most people will have carried out.

- 1 Pastor Matt described a salvation received and then left on a shelf gathering dust. Whose shelf does that picture make you think of, including maybe your own?
- 2 Pastor Matt said that when you do not use what God has given you, you start feeling the very things you fled: fear, striving, and anxiety. Where have you seen that happen?
- 3 Pastor Matt was careful: this is not a question of whether you are saved, but of whether you are living what you received. Why does that distinction matter? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Exodus 14:10-16 aloud. Verse 15 is the hinge.

- 4 Read Exodus 14:10-12. What do the Israelites say to Moses, and what does it reveal about what they actually wanted?
- 5 In verse 15 God asks Moses why he is crying out, and tells him something to do instead. What is it?
- 6 Notice the order: the instruction to move comes before the sea opens. How does that order change the way you read the story?
- 7 These people had already watched ten plagues. Why do you think all of that was still not enough at the water's edge? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

Do not let this become a scolding. Fear at the edge of the sea is reasonable.

- 8 The Israelites were frightened by something real: an army behind them. When is fear a reasonable response, and when does it become a reason to stop?
- 9 What step do you already know about that you have been waiting to feel certain about?
- 10 Pastor Matt said taking steps gets you addicted to taking more. Have you ever experienced that momentum?
- 11 What would the next step be for you, in the next week rather than the next year?

The group together

Israel moved as a body. Nobody crossed alone.

- 12 Nobody crossed that sea alone. What does moving together change about the risk?
- 13 How could this group make it easier for someone to take a step they are nervous about?
- 14 What has this group already seen God do that would be worth remembering the next time we are frightened?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is the one step in front of you, and what would it take to start before the way is clear?

You might pray about

- For those standing at an edge and unsure whether to move
- For faith that acts before it has proof
- For what God has already given that we have not yet used
- For a memory long enough to trust him next time