

Facing Your Red Sea Exodus 14:1-18

Introduction:

- A. What do you do when your life doesn't go according to your plan?
- B. Israel had high hopes and expectations of making it to the Promised Land when they left Egypt. God had another plan (Exo. 14:1-8).
- C. Let's notice what the Children of Israel's experience teaches us when we have our own Red Sea Experience.

When We Focus on Our Circumstances, We Allow Fear into Our Lives (vs. 9-10)

- A. Israel looked around and only saw their unwanted circumstances.
- B. When we allow ourselves to focus on our circumstances and worry about them, we invite fear into our lives (Matt. 6:25-34).

When Fear Enters Our Lives, Our Faith is Weakened (vs. 11-12)

- A. Israel was so fearful because of their circumstances that their faith became weak (Psa. 106:7-8).
- B. The fear of our circumstances shouldn't weaken our faith; our faith should weaken the fear of our circumstances.

When Our Faith is Weakened, Our Outlook Changes (vs. 13a)

- A. Israel's outlook had changed; they thought they had no hope.
- B. Our outlook has changed when we think we no longer have any hope.

Crossing Our Red Sea (vs. 13-15)

- A. Fear Not (Jos. 1:9; Isa. 43:1-3; Psa. 23:4).
- B. Stand Firm (Eph. 6:10-20)
- C. Watch God Work (Psa. 56:3-4)
- D. Be Silent (Psa. 46:10)

Conclusion:

- A. The Lord tells the people to "Go Forward" (v. 15) even though the Red Sea is in front of them.
- B. We can't allow the fear of our circumstances to paralyze us.
- C. We must remember, God is always with us and will help us through our Red Sea experiences (vs. 16-18; 23-31).