

MESSAGE SUMMARY

In Exodus 13–15, you see that faith is not just something you believe; it is something you live out step by step. God calls His people to remember His saving work, follow His leading, stand firm in fear, step forward in trust, and respond in worship. Even when the path is unclear or difficult, God's presence is always enough to guide you. The crossing of the Red Sea shows that God alone makes a way where there is no way. In the same way, Jesus has made the ultimate way for you through His death and resurrection, calling you to walk by faith every day.

MAIN POINTS

- 1. Look Back – Remember What God Has Done (Exodus 13:3).** Remembering God shapes your identity. You were not just rescued; you were redeemed. God commands His people often to remember. God keeps His promises across generations (Exodus 13:19). Therefore, you move forward best when you don't forget what God has already done.
- 2. Move Forward – Follow God's Presence (Exodus 13:17–22).** God does not always lead you the shortest way. God knows what you are not ready for. God leads one step at a time. His presence matters more than your plans. Therefore, faith means trusting God's direction, even when it does not make sense. And remember, feelings don't always validate truth & right direction.
- 3. Stand Firm – Trust God in Fear (Exodus 14:10–14).** Fear grows when you feel surrounded. The past can look safer than freedom. God calls you to be still and trust Him. The battle belongs to the Lord. Therefore, you don't have to panic; God is fighting for you.
- 4. Step Out – Walk Through What God Opens (Exodus 14:19–29).** God makes a way at the right time. Obedience requires action, not just belief. God protects and provides at the same time. Faith steps forward before the outcome is visible. Therefore, when God opens a way, you are called to walk through it.
- 5. Lift Up – Praise God for the Victory (Exodus 15:1–2).** Praise follows deliverance. Worship reminds you who God is. God is your strength, salvation, and song. The Exodus points forward to a greater rescue in Christ (Luke 9:31). Therefore, a faithful life is marked by gratitude and worship.

Big Idea: Where God makes a way, He calls us to walk.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What does the Red Sea crossing teach you about God's power and salvation?** *Possible Answer:* It shows that salvation is entirely God's work; He makes a way where none exists (Exodus 14:13–14; Psalm 77:19).
- 2. What is one thing God has done in your life that you need to remember more often?** *Possible Answer:* You may recall a time God provided, guided, or rescued you, which can strengthen your faith today (Psalm 103:2).
- 3. Where is God asking you to trust His direction instead of your own plan?** *Possible Answer:* It could be in relationships, decisions, or timing, trusting His path over what you feel is the right way (Proverbs 3:5–6).
- 4. What step of faith do you need to take right now, even if it feels uncomfortable?** *Possible Answer:* God may be calling you to act, whether forgiving someone, serving, or stepping into obedience...so, go for it! (James 1:22; Exodus 14:22).

GOSPEL CONNECTION

The story of the Exodus points you to a greater rescue. Just as God delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt, He delivers you from sin through Jesus Christ. Jesus made the ultimate way through the cross, accomplishing what you could never do on your own. If you are a believer: turn from areas where you are not walking in faith. Trust God again, follow His leading, and worship Him for your salvation (Romans 12:1–2). If you are not yet a believer: repent of your sin and place your faith in Jesus. He alone can save you, forgive you, and lead you into new life (Acts 3:19; John 14:6).

Call to Action: Where God has made a way for you in Christ, He is now calling you to walk in that way by faith.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Monday – Look Back: Remember What God Has Done

Key Verse: “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt...” (Exodus 13:3)

Reflection: You are shaped by what you remember. When you recall God’s faithfulness, it strengthens your trust in Him today. Forgetting leads to fear, but remembering leads to confidence in God’s power.

Application Question: What is one specific way God has been faithful to you that you need to remember today? *Possible Answer:* you might remember a time God provided, protected, or answered prayer, reminding you that He is still faithful now and always (Psalm 103:2).

Prayer Response: Lord, help me not forget Your goodness. Remind my heart of how You have worked in my life so I can trust You more today. Thank You for being faithful in every season, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Tuesday – Move Forward: Follow God’s Leading

Key Verse: “The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud... and by night in a pillar of fire.” (Exodus 13:21)

Reflection: God does not always lead you the fastest or easiest way, but He always leads you the right way. His presence is your greatest guide, even when the path feels uncertain. You don’t need the whole plan, just the next step of obedience.

Application Question: Where is God asking you to trust His direction instead of your own understanding? *Possible Answer:* you may sense God leading you in a decision, relationship, or season where you don’t have all the answers, but you can trust Him step by step (Proverbs 3:5–6).

Prayer Response: Father, teach me to follow You even when I don’t understand the path. Help me trust Your presence more than my plans. Lead me one step at a time, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Wednesday – Stand Firm: Trust God in Fear

Key Verse: “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord...” (Exodus 14:13)

Reflection: Fear often rises when you feel trapped or overwhelmed. In those moments, God calls you not to panic but to trust Him. He is fighting for you, even when you cannot see it. Go to Him in prayer and share your thoughts & feelings.

Application Question: What fear are you facing right now that you need to surrender to God? *Possible Answer:* It could be fear about your future, health, or relationships, placing it in God’s hands allows you to stand firm in faith (Isaiah 41:10).

Prayer Response: God, You see what I am afraid of. Help me stand firm and trust that You are working for my good. Replace my fear with faith in Your power, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Thursday – Step Out: Walk in Faith

Key Verse: “The people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground...” (Exodus 14:22)

Reflection: Faith requires movement. God may open the way, but you are still called to step forward in obedience. Even when it feels risky, you can trust that God goes before you and makes a way.

Application Question: What step of obedience is God calling you to take today? *Possible Answer:* You may need to act, whether that is forgiving someone, serving others, or trusting God in a new direction (James 1:22).

Prayer Response: Lord, give me courage to step out in faith. Help me obey You even when it feels uncomfortable. I trust that You will guide me as I walk forward, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Friday – Lift Up: Praise God for His Salvation

Key Verse: “The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation...” (Exodus 15:2)

Reflection: Praise is the natural response to God’s deliverance. When you worship, you remind your heart of who God is and what He has done. Your life becomes a testimony of His saving power.

Application Question: How can you intentionally praise God today for His work in your life? *Possible Answer:* You can thank Him in prayer, worship through song, or share His goodness with others (Hebrews 13:15).

Prayer Response: God, You are my strength and my salvation. I praise You for all You have done for me. Let my life reflect gratitude and worship every day, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.