

Exodus 14:5-16 New International Version

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" ⁶ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷ He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. ⁸ The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. ⁹ The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen^[a] and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

¹⁰ 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.

What you really believe about God is revealed when your back is against the wall.

If God leads you to it, God will lead you through it.

Where is God when I feel Trapped?

A Study on the Life of Moses

Slave's Response to a crisis...

EMOTIONAL Response – shut down of the rational mind

ESCAPIST Response – shut down of options and alternatives

EXAGGERATED Response – shut down of hope and vision

Faithful response to a crisis...

Get a GRIP!

Confidence comes from self-control and self-discipline

"The Law of the Lord is a lamp, and its teachings shine brightly. Correction and self-control will lead you through life." Proverbs 6:23

Stand on your **CONVICTIONS**

"Strong convictions precede great actions." James Clarke

"Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock." Matthew 7:26

When I pray, LORD God, my enemies will retreat, because I know for certain that you are with me. I praise your promises! I trust you and am not afraid. What can man do to me?" Psalm 56:9-11

The **FUTURE** belongs to God.

Trust and Obey, for there's no other way!



Our Mission Philosophy

Our Mission is to love people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Outreach ministries are a natural result from true spiritual worship.

Why are we here? What are we doing and why are we doing it?

These questions are at the heart of the Christian faith and the future of the church. God continually inviting our congregation to see the world differently and challenges us continually to answers these questions each and every day. Over the years the answers have taken shape by what we are willing to give our time and resources to support. We are here for:

Those outside our walls

Those who do not yet know God or God's love

Those who are hurting and lonely

Those who are experiencing hard times

Those who are searching for meaning in all the wrong places

Those who are searching for a place where it's OK not to be OK

As a church, we have taken many steps over the years which demonstrate our commitment to those who are not yet part of our church family. Locally, regionally and internationally, our ministries echo the vision of John Wesley: "The world is our [church]"

We know God calls us together to do and to be something greater than ourselves.

A mind focused on doubt and fear cannot focus on the journey to victory. ~ Mike Jones

"When they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped." Exodus 4:29-31

Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor. Exodus 6:9

Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the LORD your God to take this deadly plague away from me." Exodus 10:16-17

Jesus spoke to the prosperity seekers, what if you gain the whole world and lose your soul.