

Moses - Week 17

Time to Cross Over Exodus 14:19-31

Ex 14:19 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. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. 24 During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. 25 He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." 26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. 28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen--the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. 29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 30 That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. 31 And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

- The hardest thing about learning is _____.
- So what do we do? We _____.
- The Hebrew people needed to learn how to break the bad habit of grumbling and _____ God and His word.
- God was not done yet teaching them how to _____ God (not just believe **in** God.)

What is the greatest detriment to the walk of faith? A _____

- _____ to the Red Sea was just as much part of the plan as crossing it was.

Chuck Swindoll says "We live in a restless, impatient day. We have little time for preparation and less time for meditation and worship. The delay that instructs us and prepares us saves time, never loses it."

I have never met a believer who is worth a lick, that has not experienced a _____ of patience and prayer.

- Through the tests and _____ of life is where we really learn how to know God.

- The move towards the Red Sea seemed not very logical to Pharaoh who assumed they were lost and now _____.
- God was showing the Hebrews that He is God and He gets _____ by our trusting and living for Him and allowing Him to live through us.
- Disappointments and trials not only _____ our own spirits, but are a witness for God to a world who, for the most part, disregards Him or even thinks to honor Him.
- _____ does not suggest moral or spiritual perfection, or sinlessness, but rather refers to that which is fully developed.
- _____ carries the idea of being whole, entire; Speaks of lacking nothing.
- Perseverance in trials means a _____ will.

What does the Red Sea symbolize for us?

1. It shows us the _____ that stand in our way to knowing and truly trusting God. Remember the Lord's _____ are usually bigger than what we are thinking.
2. It's our opportunity to go _____ into the hands and will of God. Past bad habits and false ways of thinking must be replaced with _____ in God.
3. Sometimes we face the valley of _____ before we see God's victory.
4. Sometimes our dreams get disrupted by the _____ of life.
 - Going forward should touch, not just our faith walk, but our trust in God's _____.
 - God does His greatest work when my mind and heart sees the _____.
5. God leads us into trials, but assures us of _____.

Final thoughts:

- Trials and tests of life do not mean God has _____ you.

James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

- Tests _____ faith, which teaches us to persevere.
- The journey is just as important to God as the deliverance.