

THROUGH THE WATERS

Exodus 13:17 - 14:31

- The Lord rescues us along the HARD road for our good.
- The Lord rescues us in a way that displays His GLORY, so we should not FEAR, but STAND firm, and be STILL.
- The Lord rescues us through an act of JUDGMENT.
- It's only through JESUS that we stand on the eastern shore of God's judgment.

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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Consider the Eisenhower quote, "History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid." How does this apply to our nation? How does this apply to the Israel in Exodus?
2. Read Exodus 13:17-18. In your life, have you ever felt like God was leading you in a way that didn't quite make sense? Do you see God's purpose now?
3. What are two encouragements from Exodus 13:19-22 for times when God leads us in seemingly circuitous paths?
4. Read Exodus 14:10-12. Have you ever felt this way? How does Moses' words in Exodus 14:13-14 encourage you? What does this look like in our lives today?
5. What questions do you have about the Red Sea crossing? What do you think this was like?
6. How was Jesus' sacrifice on the cross an "exodus" and a saving judgment? How does that relate to us? (see Luke 9:30-31; 1 Cor 10:1-2; Rom 6:3-4; John 5:24; Micah 7:18-19)
7. When will the chasm Jesus has opened come crashing to a close in judgment? (see Heb 9:27; 10:26-27; 2 Pet 3:10-12; Rev 18:21) How should this encourage us to live?
8. This week what is the main take-away truth the Lord is using in your life?

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