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Beating The Odds: Your Red Sea Moment

- **God Often Orchestrates Our Difficult Circumstances**

- 1) **There's No Time To Look Back When God's Calls You Out Of Slavery.**
- 2) **If God Doesn't Remove Your Trials, He'll Lead You Through Them.**
- 3) **It's Ok To Be Afraid, Just Don't Let Fear Overtake Your Faith.**

Exodus 14:4 – *"...I have planned this in order to display my glory through Pharaoh and his whole army. After this the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord!"*

Exodus 14:1-4 - *Then the Lord gave these instructions to Moses: ² "Order the Israelites to turn back and camp by Pi-hahiroth between Migdol and the sea. Camp there along the shore, across from Baal-zephon. ³ Then Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are confused. They are trapped in the wilderness!'*

- **Sometimes When You Think You're Going Backwards, The Lord Is Planning Something Bigger**

Romans 6:16 - *Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.*

- **God Deliberately Set The Stage So He Could Perform A Miracle That Would Define Himself And His People Forever**

Exodus 14:10 - *As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them...*

- **If We're Trusting God, We Need To Battle Fear And Doubt**
- **It's Not Our Fight, It's For Us To Simply Follow**

YOUR RED SEA MOMENT

Exodus 14:15-16, 21-22 - Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to get moving! ¹⁶ Pick up your staff and raise your hand over the sea. Divide the water so the Israelites can walk through the middle of the sea on dry ground. ^{17...}²¹ Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that night, turning the seabed into dry land. ²² So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!

Exodus 14:26-28 - When all the Israelites had reached the other side, the Lord said to Moses, “Raise your hand over the sea again. Then the waters will rush back and cover the Egyptians and their chariots and charioteers.” ²⁷ So as the sun began to rise, Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the water rushed back into its usual place. The Egyptians tried to escape, but the Lord swept them into the sea. ²⁸ Then the waters returned and covered all the chariots and charioteers—the entire army of Pharaoh. Of all the Egyptians who had chased the Israelites into the sea, not a single one survived.

- **The Red Sea Is Where Slavery Ends**

Deuteronomy 4:20 - Remember that the Lord rescued you from the iron-smelting furnace of Egypt in order to make you his very own people and his special possession, which is what you are today.

2 Peter 2:19 - ...you are a slave to whatever controls you.

1 Peter 4:16 - But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!

Romans 8:2 - And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

Exodus 14:30-31 - That is how the Lord rescued Israel from the hand of the Egyptians that day. And the Israelites saw the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the seashore. ³¹ When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the Lord had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the Lord and in his servant Moses.