

Surviving the Stretch!

Exodus 14

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Key Truth: God wants to stretch our faith and He does this by life's transitions.

Principle: Realize that God means for you to be where you are (Exodus 14:1-2).

Principle: Be more concerned for God's glory than for your relief (Exodus 14:3-4).

Principle: Acknowledge your enemy, but keep your eyes on the Lord (Exodus 14:5-9).

Principle: PRAY! (Exodus 14:10).

Principle: Stay calm and confident and give God time to work (Exodus 14:13-14).

Principle: When unsure, just take the next logical step by faith (Exodus 14:15).

Principle: Envision God's enveloping presence (Exodus 14:19-20).

How can we master the practice of the presence of God?

First, we affirm His nearness in our heart (Psalm 139:5-6; Isaiah 41:10; Hebrews 13:5).

Second, we must visualize God's presence in our mind (Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 23:1; 2 Timothy 4:16-17).

Third, access God's nearness through prayer (James 4:8; Deuteronomy 4:7).

Fourth, reflect His presence in your demeanor.

Principle: Trust God to deliver in His own unique way (Exodus 14:21-22).

Principle: View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future (Exodus 14:30-31).

Principle: Don't forget to praise Him (Exodus 15:1-2).