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***The Lessons:* Exodus 14:10-12, Isaiah 41:10, Philippians 3:14**

Key Verses: Exodus 14:10-12

"As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

Isaiah 41:10

"Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Philippians 3:14

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

The Devotion:

It can be easier to look back at a situation with clarity – especially once you know the outcome. Like that time your company downsized, and your job was suddenly gone. In the months following, you were consumed with fear and uncertainty. But later when you looked back on it, you could see how the experience brought you closer to God, as you had no choice but to trust Him to provide. And He did – that unexpected job loss gave you the push you needed to pursue that career change in a new and different way. But in the moment? Fear, panic, uncertainty ... the future was anything but clear.

As Moses led the children of Israel from captivity in Egypt, they faced a similar situation. Would they trust God to lead them into the unknown or remain stuck in Egyptian captivity? Knowing the full story of how God miraculously provided and ultimately led them into the promised land, it's hard to imagine anyone longing to remain in slavery. After all, they were abused, mistreated and had spent years crying out to God for help. But in the moment, all they could see was a powerful army behind them and the Red Sea before them. In their fear, the known pain and suffering at the hands of the Egyptians was more appealing than the unknown into which God was calling them to step.

But thankfully, Moses chose to trust God to provide a way. And the same God who demonstrated His power before Pharaoh in the form of ten plagues, separated the waters so that the children of Israel could step into freedom.

However, knowing how the story ends, it's difficult to imagine Moses succumbing to the fears of the people. But place yourself in Moses' shoes; what courage and trust it must have taken for him to move forward in faith.

More than likely we have all faced moments in life where we have been confronted with a choice: step into the unknown or let fear keep you trapped. Even today, right here and right now, are there unknowns that you are currently facing and living with? Does fear and uncertainty seem to have its grip? Where might God be asking you to follow Him?

For the follower of Christ, following God's call into the unknown means trusting Him to fill the gap where our strength, abilities, and wisdom ends. But that can undoubtedly be a scary venture – a step that we sometimes hesitate to take especially when we let the fear of life's uncertainties get the best of us. So today I would like to remind you of that which is so clearly spoken time and again in scripture. No matter where it is that we find ourselves – no matter what the unknown – we need to let God step in because the dependable truth is that if God is asking us to move – He will undoubtedly make a way. We can be sure of that!

The Prayer:

Lord God,

Knowing that we are never alone or without your guidance and support keep us focused on the reality of your love and faithfulness; the strength that only You can and will provide.

Amen