

Session 02

Victory Belongs **TO GOD**

CENTRAL TRUTH | God rescued us to worship and serve Him.

When we think about freedom, maybe we believe it means doing whatever we want to do, whenever we want to do it. This is how our culture often defines freedom. However, the Bible paints a more beautiful picture of true freedom. As we will see in this week's passage, the Lord fought on behalf of His people, rescuing them from the grasp of the cruel Egyptian king. The Israelites were freed from slavery for a purpose. Together, we will learn that we've been rescued by God to worship and serve Him.

REFLECT

What questions do I have about God?

What questions do I have about myself?

What questions do I have about the world and those around me?

EXODUS 14:15-20

¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to break camp. ¹⁶ As for you, lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ As for me, I am going to harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them, and I will receive glory by means of Pharaoh, all his army, and his chariots and horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will

know that I am the LORD when I receive glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” ¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who was going in front of the Israelite forces, moved and went behind them. The pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them. ²⁰ It came between the Egyptian and Israelite forces. There was cloud and darkness, it lit up the night, and neither group came near the other all night long.

EXODUS 14:21-25

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back with a powerful east wind all that night and turned the sea into dry land. So the waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with the waters like a wall to them on their right and their left. ²³ The Egyptians set out in pursuit — all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen — and went into the sea after them.

²⁴ During the morning watch, the LORD looked down at the Egyptian forces from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the Egyptian forces into confusion. ²⁵ He caused their chariot wheels to swerve and made them drive with difficulty. “Let’s get away from Israel,” the Egyptians said, “because the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!”

EXODUS 14:26-31

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the water may come back on the Egyptians, on their chariots and horsemen.” ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea returned to its normal depth. While the Egyptians were trying to escape from it, the LORD threw them into the sea. ²⁸ The water came back and covered the chariots and horsemen, plus the entire army of Pharaoh that had gone after them into the sea.

Not even one of them survived. ²⁹ But the Israelites had walked through the sea on dry ground, with the waters like a wall to them on their right and their left. ³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the power of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ When Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Day 01

EXODUS 14:15-20



Refer to page 5 for a description of the 7 Arrows of Bible Reading.

📍 READ & RESPOND

The Israelites had finally escaped Egypt, but Pharaoh's army chased after them. The people were terrified when they saw the army approaching and realized they were trapped between the army and the Red Sea. They cried out to God, who already had a plan. He would lead them through the sea on dry ground. But first, He placed His angel between the Israelites and the army to protect His people. God made a way for their escape when it seemed completely impossible. Sometimes, we too feel stuck with no way out, but just as He did for the Israelites, God will always make a way for us when there seems to be none.

↑ What does this passage reveal about God's character?

→ What does this passage teach you about taking a step of faith even when you can't see the way out?

↔ How can this passage help you encourage your friends or family members when they feel trapped or overwhelmed?

📍 MEMORIZE

Write **Exodus 14:31** in a creative font and illustrate it with markers, paint, or other art supplies. Seeing the verse in a colorful and artistic way helps it stick in our minds. Hang it where you can see it every day.

📍 PRAY

Lord, thank You for Your powerful protection. When I feel stuck and difficult choices are before me, remind me that Your plan is always good and perfect and that I can trust You to help me find the way.

EXODUS 14:21-25

📍 READ & RESPOND

The Israelites were in a desperate situation. But God wasn't just going to get them out of trouble—He was going to lead them through it. God parted the sea, creating a path with walls of water on either side, and the Israelites walked to the other side on dry land. The Egyptians tried to follow, but God stopped them and caused their chariots to get stuck, throwing them into chaos. The Egyptians realized that God was fighting for the Israelites and tried to flee. Throughout this story, God's commitment to His people is clear. The Israelites depended on it and the Egyptians couldn't deny it. God never promises a life free from trouble, but He does promise to lead us through any trouble that comes.

← How do you think this event would have changed any doubting Israelites' opinion of God's power and faithfulness?

↑ What does this passage teach us about God's power and sovereignty?

→ What's one practical thing you can do this week to trust Him more?

📍 MEMORIZE

Write each word of **Exodus 14:31** on separate pieces of paper. Mix up the words and put them back in the correct order. This activity helps you think about the correct structure of the verse.

📍 PRAY

God, Your power and faithfulness are mighty. I know that I can trust You with my life. Thank You for rescuing me, calling me Your child, and fighting for me.

Day 03

EXODUS 14:26-31

 READ & RESPOND

God's final act in the Red Sea story is powerful. Once all the Israelites were safely on the other side, God told Moses to stretch out his hand again. The walls of water crashed down on the Egyptian army, covering their chariots and horsemen. Not even one of them survived. The Israelites stood on the shore, witnessing this incredible event. They were in awe of God's power. It was a moment that made them truly believe in God and trust His servant, Moses. This passage reminds us that God's power is absolute—He not only saves His people but also completely defeats His people's enemies.

← How do you think watching God destroy their oppressors would have affected the Israelites' faith?

↑ What does this passage reveal about God's power, justice, and faithfulness to His promises?

→ Think of a time when God protected you. How can you live in a way that shows you truly believe in and fear the Lord because of that experience?

 MEMORIZE

Write **Exodus 14:31** on a small card. Walk around and say the verse out loud. The physical movement helps your brain process and remember the words. You can say it faster or slower as you walk.

 PRAY

Lord, thank You for being the God who saves and defeats my enemies. Help me to trust and believe in Your power when I feel overwhelmed.

Day 04

PSALM 103:6-11

📍 READ & RESPOND

When the Israelites saw the Egyptian army pursuing them, they panicked. Terrified, they cried out to God for help and said some pretty harsh things to Moses (see Ex. 14:11-12). It would have been easy for God to get angry about their complaints and just let them be defeated by the mighty Egyptians. But Psalm 103 tells us that God is different. He is a God of compassion and grace. He doesn't hold grudges or stay angry forever. He also doesn't punish us as we deserve. Instead, His love for us is as high as the heavens are from the earth. This psalm is a beautiful reminder that while we mess up and complain, God's mercy is bigger than our mistakes. We can trust His faithful love.

🔄 How does this passage describe God's character?

🔄 How can this passage shape the way you pray to God?

↑ What about God's character in this passage surprises you? Why?

📍 MEMORIZE

Write **Exodus 14:31** on a sticky note and put it on your bathroom mirror. Every time you get ready in the morning or evening, say the verse out loud while looking at your reflection. The visual and verbal repetition will help you lock the words into your memory.

📍 PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for not dealing with my sins in the way I truly deserve. I am unworthy, and I'm so grateful for Your faithful love. Help me to show others Your mercy and compassion.

Day 05

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-3

READ & RESPOND

Paul refers to the story of the Israelites, urging the Christians in Corinth to learn from their ancestors' experiences. He reminds them that although the Israelites were rescued and blessed, they often struggled to trust and obey God. Paul wanted his readers to recognize the dangers of complacency and idolatry. The Israelites had witnessed God's power firsthand, yet their hearts were easily swayed. This serves as a warning and an invitation for believers today to examine our own faith. We are quick to forget God's goodness and to allow other things to take His place in our hearts. Paul's words challenge us to remain dedicated, humble, and grateful, remembering that God's mercy is a gift not to be taken lightly.

← Why was it important for the Corinthian Christians to remember the Israelites' journey?

↓ Why do you think we forget about or take God's blessings for granted?

→ What is one thing you can do this week to actively live out your faith and not become complacent?

MEMORIZE

Make up a simple tune or rap to go with **Exodus 14:31**. The rhythm and melody will help you remember the words. You can sing it to yourself or record it to listen to later.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your patience with me. Help me to remember the lessons from the Israelites' journey and to trust You more each day.