

Move On!
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Text: Exodus 14:15

Introduction

Decisions are a part of life
Making the right decision is sometimes difficult
Circumstances and situations suggest multiple good alternatives
Recently we studied Isaiah—God’s people threatened, divided, despondent, wondering about the future. Because of God’s nature, the promise is secure. Learn to wait! Today, we see a different situation, learn to act!

Biblical Context

Frankly, I would be a bit disoriented with so many unexplained events occurring so quickly. One day we are slaves, the next day we are marching away as free persons, celebrating, commemorating, and carrying Joseph’s bones (13:19). Are we really leaving? How is it possible?
And what a strange route! (13:17)! Yet God seems to be leading (13:20-22).
The decision to turn back certainly seems a bad one (14:1-2). Not only will Pharaoh think we are wandering around in confusion—that’s how it seems to me too! (14:3).
Within a few verses, we read the story! Here Pharaoh comes, with his armies. He has changed his mind, and what will we do! (14:10-12).
Decision time!
Moses says “Don’t be afraid, stand firm, watch God’s deliverance.”
But God says to Moses, Don’t cry out to me. Move on!
So Moses obeys, raises his staff, watches the waters divide, moves ahead because the guiding pillar moves.
How do we know when to wait and when to move on? How can we know what God wants us to do?

Four Principles

See who God is
Be aware of what God is doing
Look for the places where God’s power is on display
Act in faith because God rewards faith