

# The Very Next Thing . . . in your Walk with the Lord

Part 3 Sermon

Fear is a Liar!

Part 3 Scripture

Exodus 14:10-18, 28-31 (ESV)

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## 1. Fear Paralyzes

(vs. 10-12)

<sup>10</sup> When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD.

- **Fear makes us Skeptical.**

(vs. 11a)

<sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? . . .

- **Fear makes us Selfish.**

(vs. 11b)

<sup>11</sup> . . . What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?

- **Fear makes us Stubborn.**

(vs. 12a)

<sup>12</sup> Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'?..

- **Fear makes us Shortsighted.**

(vs. 12b)

<sup>12</sup> . . . For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

## 2. Faith Liberates

(vs. 13-18, 28-31)

<sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."<sup>15</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup> Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." . . . <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup> Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

- **Face the Facts.**

Proverbs 13:16

<sup>16</sup> In everything the prudent acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly.

- **Count the Cost.**

Luke 14:28-30

<sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

- **Plan your Path.**

Proverbs 14:15

<sup>15</sup> The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.