

The Red Sea Rules: 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times

1A. PERSPECTIVES

- 1B. GOD'S PLAN: Realize that God means for you to be where you are. (Rule #1)
- 2B. GOD'S PURPOSE: "Be more concerned for God's glory than for your relief." (Rule #2)
- 3B. GOD'S PREROGATIVE: "Trust God to deliver in His own unique way." (Rule #8)
- 4B. GOD'S PREPARATION: "View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future." (Rule #9)

2A. Read Exodus 14:30-31 (CSB)

For Discussion:

- 1. According to Exodus 14:31, how did Israel respond to the great work that the Lord had done?
- 2. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
- 3. What do you think is the relationship between fearing God and believing God?

3A. We don't always know why God allows problems, but we know He intends to use them to:

- 1B. deepens, proves, reinforces our faith
- 2B. heighten our maturity (p. 110).
- 3B. See 1 Peter 1:6-7; Romans 5:3-4; James 1:2-3

4A. Trials and troubles "develop [our] strength and stamina" for the challenges that lie ahead (p. 110).

5A. "Faith has a cumulative quality to it." (p. 110)

- 1B. "We grow it and lay it in store for future times.
- 2B. Our faith grows stronger through the seasons of life."
- 3B. Luke 17:5-6
- 4B. Romans 4:20-21

6A. Faith Defined

- 1B. Hebrews 11:1
- 2B. BELIEVING. “Faith is believing that what the Lord has said to us will be accomplished.” (p. 111)
 - 1C. Luke 1:45
 - 2C. Romans 4:3, 5
 - 3C. Acts 27:23-25
 - 4C. Hebrews 11:11
 - 5C. “For Christians, faith is making reasonable assumptions about God’s care and control over our lives, based on His scriptural promises.” (p. 112)

- 3B. ACTING: “Faith is acting like God is telling the truth.” (Dr. Tony Evans, sermon: *The Concept of Faith*, March 6, 2018)
 - 1C. James 2:21-22
 - 2C. “What one believes about God must be married to ACTION on what He has said.” (Dr. Tony Evans, same source as above)

- 4B. RELYING: “Faith is **relying** on God fully” (*FROG*). (Cassie Griffin, Red Sea Rules, p. 111)
 - 1C. Hebrews 11:6 - Without faith, it is impossible to please God.
 - 2C. Faith believes that God exists.
 - 3C. Faith believes that God is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
 - 4C. Failure to exercise faith in response to God’s Word (His declarations, commands, and promises) indicates a lack of trust in God’s integrity.

- 5B. For Discussion:
 - 1C. What are you learning about God—who is the object of your faith—as you study Exodus 14?
 - 2C. How has God been using current circumstances to increase your faith (or to reveal to you that your faith is lacking)?

- 7A. Faith is quantifiable. (p. 113)
 - 1B. There are degrees of faith, and Jesus richly rewards those who fully trust Him. (p. 113)
 - 2B. References
 - 1C. Mark 4:39-40
 - 2C. John 20:27-29
 - 3C. Matthew 8:10
 - 4C. Matthew 15:28
- 8A. God intends for our faith to grow, so He –
 - 1B. Bestows truth and
 - 2B. Devises tests to review and reinforce that truth, to transfer and translate it into lasting, life-changing experiences. (p. 115)
- 9A. Principle: “Our faith grows when we choose to apply God’s promises to today’s problems and use the experiences to mature us for tomorrow’s challenges.” (p. 116)
- 10A. “We never encounter any situation for which God has not provided a precious promise to bear us through it.” (p. 117)
- 11A. “Faith, then, is simply finding and claiming the promises of God in every situation, and, based on those promises, making logical assumptions, being fully persuaded that God has the power to do what He has promised.” (p. 118)