

**Exodus 14:5** When word reached the king of Egypt that the Israelites had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds. “What have we done, letting all those Israelite slaves get away?” they asked. **6** So Pharaoh harnessed his chariot and called up his troops. **7** He took with him 600 of Egypt’s best chariots, along with the rest of the chariots of Egypt, each with its commander. **8** The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, so he chased after the people of Israel, who had left with fists raised in defiance. **9** The Egyptians chased after them with all the forces in Pharaoh’s army—all his horses and chariots, his charioteers, and his troops. The Egyptians caught up with the people of Israel as they were camped beside the shore near Pi-hahiroth, across from Baal-zephon. **10** As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord, **11** and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? **12** Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’”

**13** But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. **14** The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

**Exodus 14:21** Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that night, turning the seabed into dry land. **22** So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!

**23** Then the Egyptians—all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and charioteers—chased them into the middle of the sea. **24** But just before dawn the Lord looked down on the Egyptian army from the pillar of fire and cloud, and he threw their forces into total confusion. **25** He twisted their chariot wheels, making their chariots difficult to drive. “Let’s get out of here—away from these Israelites!” the Egyptians shouted. “The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt!”

**26** When all the Israelites had reached the other side, the Lord said to Moses, “Raise your hand over the sea again. Then the waters will rush back and cover the Egyptians and their chariots and charioteers.” **27** So as the sun began to rise, Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the water rushed back into its usual place. The Egyptians tried to escape, but the Lord swept them into the sea. **28** Then the waters returned and covered all the chariots and charioteers—the entire army of Pharaoh. Of all the Egyptians who had chased the Israelites into the sea, not a single one survived.

**29** But the people of Israel had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, as the water stood up like a wall on both sides. **30** That is how the Lord rescued Israel from the hand of the Egyptians that day. And the Israelites saw the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the seashore. **31** When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the Lord had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

#### Questions:

1. Why do you think Pharaoh and his officials wished they had not let the Israelite go?
2. How did the people of Israel respond to the approaching Egyptian army?
3. What did Moses tell the Israelites?

Describe a time when all you could do was pray and wait on God.

4. How did the people of Israel respond to “the mighty power that the Lord had unleashed against the Egyptians”?
5. Have you put your faith in the Lord?

Describe how that happened in your life.

