

# FAITH AND FEAR

## Faith - Part 7

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### Exodus 14

#### Four ways fear affects us:

##### 1. Fear makes us \_\_\_\_\_

*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?" (vs. 11)*

##### 2. Fear makes us \_\_\_\_\_

*Why did you make us leave Egypt? (vs. 11b)*

##### 3. Fear makes us \_\_\_\_\_

*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.' (vs. 12)*

##### 4. Fear makes us \_\_\_\_\_

*It's better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness! (vs. 12b)*

#### How do you take risks in faith?

##### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of your fear.

*Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid." (vs.13)*

*Then the Lord gave these instructions to Moses: "Order the Israelites to turn back and camp by Pi-hahiroth between Migdol and the sea. Camp there along the shore, across from Baal-zephon. Then Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are confused. They are trapped...' (vs 1-2)*

*Then Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are confused. They are trapped in the wilderness!' And once again I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after you. I have planned this in order to display my glory through Pharaoh and his whole army. After this the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord!" (vs 3-4)*

**Lesson: Where God guides, God provides.**

##### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*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. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm." (vs. 13- 14)*

**Lesson: God often waits until the last second to answer.**

##### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in faith.

*Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to get moving! Pick up your staff and raise your hand over the sea. Divide the water so the Israelites can walk through the middle of the sea on dry ground. (vs. 15-16)*

**Lesson: God usually takes you through your problems, not around them.**

*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. So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side! (vs. 21, 22)*

*When I am afraid, I will put my confidence in God. Yes, I will trust the promises of God. Psalm 56:3*

*Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." Exodus 20:20*

**What is the "Red Sea" you are facing today?**