

3. **God's salvation always depends only on _____, never on _____.**

- Every Old Testament story is _____ this truth, but we still _____ it.
 - God's salvation often _____ us, but it doesn't _____ on us.
 - God doesn't _____ us.
 - God's salvation is always by _____ alone through _____ alone for the _____ of God alone.
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If these things are true, take a NEXT STEP

1. **Follow wherever God is leading.** Take stock. How and where is God leading you right now? Is it a hard way? Are you following? What does it mean to follow?
 2. **Be steadfast in waiting.** Maybe God has you in a waiting season. What are you waiting for? What actions do you need to refrain from as you wait?
 3. **Let your heart sing of His salvation.** What battles has the Lord or is the Lord fighting for you? How can you make/take time to praise and glorify Him?
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NEXT WEEK: *Moses and the Grumbling of the People | Exodus 16-17*



Moses and the Parting of the Red Sea

Exodus 14-15

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Today we come to one of the most exciting and dramatic stories in all the Bible, the parting of the Red Sea. This story is THE central salvation event in all the Old Testament, and as such, it has much to teach us about our salvation! So let's enter into the story today to discover 3 challenging truths . . .

1. **God often leads us the _____ way, not the _____ way.**

- God led Israel with a _____ by day and a pillar of _____ by night.
- God led Israel the _____ way and into a _____.
- Why does God lead us the hard way?
 - God leads us the hard way for His _____.
 - God leads us the hard way for our _____.
 - God leads us the hard way to teach us to _____.

2. **God often calls us to _____, not to _____.**

- When the Egyptians get close, the people are terrified and turn on _____.
- Moses is _____ and rock solid in _____.
- Sometimes obedience is doing _____.



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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

How are you? Share highs and lows from this past week.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Exodus 13:17-15:6 again as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/message this week? What was new, fresh or challenging?
2. It's so wild that God leads His people the long way, the hard way and into a dead end. Do you think we know and understand this truth?
3. How have you experienced God leading you the "hard way" in your life and how has the "hard way" served God's glory, your good and/or taught you to trust?

4. What happens when the Egyptians descend upon the Israelites in Exodus 14:10-14? How do the people respond? What does Moses say to the people? (Break it down. There are several things.)
5. Are you good at waiting? Is there something that you are waiting for in this season of your life? When you don't wait, what do you do instead?
6. Growth Group as FAMILY: Which NEXT STEP will you take this week and why?
7. Growth Group as SERVANT/MISSIONARY: Do you think the world around us sees us following, waiting and singing in our relationship with God? Why? What are ways we can work to change that?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those suffering through this Covid-19 pandemic and pray for it to end soon.
- With the story of Moses in hand, pray out of the story for your own following, waiting and singing.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.