



STUDY GUIDE

July 31, 2022

Message Series:
Message Title:
Teaching Pastor:

On the Water
Exodus
Angie Frame

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Share a time you experienced the sheer force of water.

Pray:

Dear Lord, we're so grateful to be able to meet here and be in Your presence together today. Help us to never lose sight of the gift of community. While we're studying Your Word we ask that You'd open our ears and our hearts to whatever it is You are wanting to teach us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Get Started:

Read Exodus 14.

- How did the Israelites feel when they saw the Egyptians? How would you describe their faith? Why do you think their faith was so weak even though they saw so many miracles?
- What did the Israelites have to do? Where did they turn for help? Does this give any insight into any further reasons God might have had for bringing the Egyptian army there?
- What does this tell you about human beings in general? Do you think most people today are like the Israelites then? Can you relate?

"We spend our time looking back, giving into fear. We get good counsel from good friends to tough it out, to be strong. But God says, "go forward." Not backward. Not still and stagnant. Forward. Ahead. Looking and moving forward is the nature of God and of lots of inspirational messages... It seems impossible. It is impossible for them. But God says, go forward. He has a plan to part the waters in front of them that involves Moses's staff being lifted in one hand while he raises his other hand over the sea. And God also has a plan to work behind them... He didn't bring the Israelites all this way, so that they could drown in the sea. If he's been working in your life—and trust me, he has been whether you know it or not, see it or not, feel it or not. God hasn't brought you this far, so that you can drown in the sea or be overtaken by the enemy that's pursuing you from your past. You don't have to look back and fall into that fear any more. You're not there anymore. You're not that person anymore. Move forward and trust that the God who brought you here is at work back there. He's shown you where to go, now go. And know that he's got your back." -Pastor Angie Frame

- Exodus is an exciting story of God's guidance. How is He guiding you? Is there a situation from your past that you have spent too much time looking back on? What do you feel like God is revealing to you through this story? What is He calling you to?

Watch and Discuss Video: (Follow up videos paused for the summer)

Reflect and Commit:

"I don't know how God is leading you in your life, or if you're even aware that he's at work around you. I don't know what sea you're facing and what enemy threatens to overtake you. But I do know that God is mighty, and if you're going where he's leading you, then he's got your back. He'll make a way, and you'll walk right through it. One day, you'll stand and sing, or speak, about your own Exodus story." -Pastor Angie Frame

Read Psalm 106:1-12.

- Imagine that you were walking through the split sea. How can we praise God and give Him thanks if we do not have a deep sense of His wondrous attributes?
- Where is the balance between focusing on our sins versus focusing on God's grace?

Read Psalm 139.

- Take a few minutes (minimum) to reflect and pray on what God is leading you to move forward in. Write down your thoughts afterwards to keep. Over time, you'll see evidence of God's mighty hand making a way for you.

Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? Isaiah 51:10, NIV

Pray:

Dear Lord, we come to You and we thank You that You are a mighty God, having gone to great lengths to redeem us. We can come as Your children, even though we may be weak and weary; we may be overwhelmed and we may not know what to do next. We've made some mistakes Lord, and we each say, "search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wickedness, any grievous way in me and lead me and teach me Your ways." We pray that we are changed and move forward and as a result we help Your kingdom to advance. In Jesus' name. Amen.