

Topic: **How To Divide Your Own Red Seas**
Text: Exodus 14:13-16 (NIV)

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

Introduction

- On their way out of Egypt, the Hebrews could see the Egyptian soldiers pursuing them. They seemed to be trapped. There seemed to be no way of escape. Mountains on one side and the Red Sea in front of them.
- What was their normal reactions: to PANIC and to BE AFRAID. They confronted and blamed Moses:

Exodus 14

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

- The only way out for them is to be on the other side of the sea by crossing over the Red Sea.
- The Red Sea symbolises obstacles in our Christian life.
- We, Christians, a lot of times face the same dilemma. We have so many struggles, problems, miseries in life to go through.
- Today, we will learn how TO DIVIDE our own Red Seas.

I. BE STILL (V14 NIV)

¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to BE STILL."

- Just like the Hebrews, when obstacles are on the way to be still, relaxed, and to trust God that He would take care of everything is the LAST THING that we often do.

- We cannot shake our heads in disapproval to the Hebrews for complaining against God. We too often have the same attitude towards God. When things seemed to be opposed to what we would like things to happen, we complain to God.

II. GO FORWARD (V 15)

15 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.” (NIV)

15 And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.” (NKJV)

- When Moses was complaining before God, the Lord replied: “Why are you crying out to me? Tell them to move on, go and cross the Red Sea.” Continue with this life’s journey.
- Focus our eyes on Jesus just like when Peter focused his eyes on Jesus, he was able to walk on the water.
- But when Peter took off his eyes on Jesus, he started to sink.

III. LIFT YOUR FAITH

V16a Raise your staff (NIV)

V16a Hold your staff high (The Message)

- Moses’ rod or staff is like our faith in God. Through his rod, the Lord displayed a lot of miracles before the eyes of the Pharaoh and the Egyptians (1) turned water to blood’ (2) produced water from the rock; (3) transformed the rod into a snake and back; and (4) parting of the Red Sea.
- Let us not only exercise our faith, but raise it to a higher level
- If we need God’s intervention, we need to LIFT OUR FAITH HIGHER.

IV. LAY YOUR HAND OVER YOUR RED SEA

V16b stretch out your hand over the sea (NIV)

- Moses' rod did not complete dividing the Red Sea. He had to raise his hands up over the sea to fully divide it (v16b)
- Christians should learn how to lift up their hands in worshipping the Lord and even in praying for their needs.