

Vision Sunday 2020, Part 2
Exodus 14
September 20, 2020

1. Introduction: Share with your group, a time in your life when you experienced a frustrating detour from your plans, but in hindsight, it turned out to be a blessing. What did that experience teach you about how God leads?
2. Read **Exodus 14:9-12**. The Israelites see the Red Sea was before them; Pharaoh and his army behind them. How did they respond? How would you describe their faith? Do you think most people today are like the Israelites? What about yourself?
3. In **Exodus 14:13-14**, Moses told the people not to be afraid but said that “the Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” When do you find it difficult to stand firm in your faith? The Israelites had the encouragement they needed from Moses. Who/what (a specific Bible verse, etc.) encourages you?
4. Immediately afterwards, in verse 15, the Israelites are told to “move on.” In what ways does faith require not only resting and waiting but also action? Which one is easier for you to do and why?
5. Pastor Dave reminded us of the greatest rescue story ever - **Romans 5:6** says “**at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us.**” When we were drowning, Jesus showed up. He lived the life we should have lived; he went to the cross and died the death we should have died; and we get rescued just by reaching out and holding on. It’s pure grace, and because of that we have hope. Our world today needs hope. Who is someone you know who is fighting a battle today, maybe even feeling hopeless? What can/will you do to help them? Share with your group and commit to pray for that person.

APPLICATION;

As we approach this new season, we will be defiantly hopeful. We are hopeful because we follow a God who shows up and rescues. We don’t deserve it; we can’t script it or predict it; but He’s alive and he’s still rescuing. If we really believe this, we would be a church who prays more, invites more, risks more, and worships more.

End your group time praying together. Ask God for to fill you with His hope, a hope that will overflow into the lives of those around you. Pray for open eyes to see people He has placed in your path, who desperately need hope. Pray for an open door to engage in conversation with them, and for boldness to live in the way He calls you to, no matter how hard it might seem. Finally, pray to have hearts full of gratitude, thanking Him for who He is and all He has done.