

The Connection

Messages of Hope



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“Exodus 14: 5-15”

Exodus 14:5–15 recounts a pivotal moment in the story of the Israelites as they escape from Egypt, where they find themselves pursued by Pharaoh and his army, eventually leading to the parting of the Red Sea. It serves as a powerful narrative filled with themes of fear, divine intervention, and faith. Analyzing this passage in light of the life of a New Testament believer yields several insights:

1. Fear and Anxiety

- Context of Fear: The Israelites experience fear and anxiety when they see Pharaoh's army approaching. They question Moses, expressing doubts about their journey and whether it would have been better to remain in Egypt.
- New Testament Parallel: New Testament believers often face trials and tribulations that can evoke similar feelings of fear. Philippians 4:6-7 encourages believers not to be anxious but to present their requests to God. Fear is a common theme in the New Testament, with Jesus frequently telling His followers to "fear not."

2. Divine Intervention

- God's Response: In the face of despair, God reassures Moses and tells him to stand firm. God's promise to deliver Israel through miraculous means becomes a profound demonstration of His power and sovereignty.
- New Testament Parallel: Believers are reminded of God's faithful intervention in their lives. Romans 8:28 highlights that all things work together for good for those who love God. The New Testament celebrates the ultimate act of divine intervention in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3. Faith in God's Promises

- Trust in God's Plan: Moses encourages the Israelites to trust in God's plan, despite their immediate circumstances. This act of faith is central to their survival and deliverance.

- New Testament Parallel: Faith is a cornerstone of the New Testament believer's life. Hebrews 11 speaks of faith as the assurance of things hoped for, emphasizing the call for believers to trust in what they cannot see and to rely on God's promises in every situation.

4. Obedience and Action

- Moses' Leadership: Moses does not just pray; he also acts. God tells him to raise his staff and stretch out his hand over the sea. This indicates that faith requires action and obedience.
- New Testament Parallel: Believers are also called to act on their faith. James 2:17 emphasizes that faith without works is dead. The call to obedience in following Christ's teachings is fundamental to living a life reflective of New Testament values.

5. Transformation and New Life

- A Transition to Freedom: The parting of the Red Sea represents a movement from bondage to freedom, a central theme in the unfolding story of salvation.
- New Testament Parallel: For New Testament believers, baptism symbolizes this transformation—dying to the old self and being raised to new life in Christ (Romans 6:4). The journey of faith is about moving from spiritual bondage (sin) to the freedom that comes through Jesus.

Conclusion

Exodus 14:5–15, while a historical account of the Israelites, resonates deeply with the spiritual journey of a New Testament believer. Themes of fear, divine intervention, faith, obedience, and transformation are relevant to the Christian experience. New Testament believers can draw comfort and guidance from this passage, finding encouragement to trust in God's promises, engage in faithful action, and embrace their new identity in Christ amidst life's challenges.

HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, February 5
ALL SERVICES CANCELED

Thursday, February 6
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 9
Worship Team Run Through
@ 8:00 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 12
Wednesday Night Supper @ 6pm
Study & Prayer @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 13
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m.

Helping Hands for
FEBRUARY 9, 2024

ProPresenter

Bill Joyner

Soundboard

Jane Davis

Live Streaming

Diane Williams

Communion

Elizabeth Floyd

Greeter

TBD

Scripture Text and Sermon
This Coming Sunday

Spiritual Disciplines for the
Christian Life:
PRAYER
Colossians 4:2;
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prophecies O.T.

Revealed....	N.T.
Feb 2	Acts 7:55-56
Feb 3	Ex 15:11
Feb 4	Lu 1:35;Ac 4:27
Feb 5	Ex 17:6
Feb 6	1Cor 10:4
Feb 7	Ex 33:19

GROW

Women of HOPE
Saturdays at 10a.m. at HOPE

2/8/25

**“Responding to Anger - Learning
to Answer Gently”**

Wednesday Night
Supper, Study, and Prayer

ALL SERVICES
CANCELED
THIS WEEK

“Food of the Month”
for the Raleigh Dream Center
Food Pantry
Canned Meats and Meals
We have a collection bin in the foyer

SERVE

TLC Devotion
4th Wednesday each month
@ 11:00 a.m.
5124 Departure Dr # 101, Raleigh

HOPE Meal Ministry
Take a meal from the freezer if
needed for you or someone else.

**“Ask (and keep on
asking)...
Seek (and keep on
seeking)...
Knock (and keep on
knocking)...”**
Matthew 7:7-8

Prayer Requests:

Dale and Kathy Herriman, Bill and Lynn Joyner's extended families, Monthly Session Mtg, Joan Rollinson, Ron Clifton, Will Floyd's Fiancé's Mother: Jennifer, Jerry & Alice Kinard, Gene & Becky Hale, Dianne Reinoso, Janice Worthington, Cindy (Elizabeth), Dennis Grady, Nancy Hutchens (Positive Cancer), Barbara(81) Stroke, Joey(18) Crohn's, Ebo (Glioblastoma #3/4)-family has 4 children, Hurricane Relief Efforts, Youth Ministry, Kathy Jo and her family, Donna Williams & Family, Peggy Karpenske, Claudia in Idaho (Kathy H), Patty Moyer's son Brandon, Dave & Dot Geil, Steve Duckett, Corbin Broome, The Mallory family, Carol & Colin (Kathy H), Loretta (Sandi U), Joan Summers, Shelley Riggelman (Bruce), Jordan (Lynn J.), Ellie Tappan, Carlyle and Cynthia Franklin...

***“Instead of relying on
our sincerity or
spirituality to turn the
ear of God, we trust on
the righteousness of
Christ.”***
- Whitney

**UPCOMING WOMEN OF
HOPE GATHERING AT THE
CHURCH**

2/22/25
**HOW CAN WE BEST USE OUR
SPIRITUAL GIFTS? HOW ARE
YOU GIVING BACK TO WHAT
GOD GAVE YOU?**

3/08/25
**TIME MANAGEMENT: HOW DO
YOU DO IT ALL?**

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