

Exodus 14

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Exodus 14:4 - Then I'll harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he'll pursue them; and *I'll gain honor* over Pharaoh and over all his army."

Red Sea Rule #3 - Be aware of your enemy, but keep your eyes on the Lord.

v. 19 - The Angel of God moved and went behind them. The pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.

Red Sea Rule #4 - Pray!

v. 10 - The children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were *very afraid*, and the children of Israel *cried out to the Lord*.

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Red Sea Rule #5 - Stay calm and confident, and give God time to work.

v.13 - Moses said to the people, “Don't be *afraid*. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord... ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you.”

Red Sea Rule #6 - When you're unsure of what to do, just take the next step.

v.15 - And the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

1. From an old English parsonage, down by the sea,
There came in the twilight a message for me;
Its quaint Saxon legend, deeply engraven,
It has, seems to me, God's teaching from Heaven.
And on through the hours the quiet words ring,
Like a low inspiration: “DO THE NEXT THING.”

2. Many a questioning, many a fear,
Many a doubt has its quieting here.

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Moment by moment, let down from Heaven,
Time, opportunity, guidance are given.
Fear not tomorrows, child of the King,
Trust them with Jesus. DO THE NEXT THING.

3. Do it immediately; do it with prayer;
Do it reliantly, casting all care;
Do it with reverence, tracing Christ's hand
Who placed it before you with earnest command,
Stayed on Omnipotence, safe 'neath His wing,
Leave all resultings. DO THE NEXT THING.

4. Looking to Jesus, ever serener,
Working or suffering, let this be your demeanor.
In His dear presence, the rest of His calm,
Let the light of Christ's countenance be your psalm.
Strong in His faithfulness, praise and sing!
Then, as He commands you, DO THE NEXT THING.

Psalm 119 - God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Red Sea Rule #7 - God is with you.

v. 19-20 - And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

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Ex. 13:21 - By day *the LORD* went before them in a pillar of cloud to guide them.

Isaiah 63:9 - The Angel of His Presence saved them.

Red Sea Rule #8 - Trust God to deliver in His own unique way.

v. 21-22 - Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.²² So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

2 Peter 2:9 - The Lord knows *how* to rescue the godly from trials.

2 Tim. 4:16-18 - At my first trial no one supported me or stood with me... but the Lord stood by my side and strengthened me... So I was delivered from the mouth of the lion. And the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom.

John 13:7 - Jesus said to him, “What I'm doing you don't understand now, but later you'll understand.”

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Red Sea Rule #9 - View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future.

v. 26-27, 30-31 - Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.” And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and *believed the Lord* and His servant Moses.

Romans 5:3-4 - We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character.

Red Sea Rule #10 - Don't forget to praise Him.

Exodus 15:1-2 - *Then* Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: “I'll sing to the Lord, for He's triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He's thrown into the sea! The Lord is my strength and song, and He's become my salvation; He's my God, and I'll praise Him; my father's God, and I'll exalt Him.

16:2 - Then the whole congregation complained: "Oh that we had died by the hand of the Lord in Egypt, when we sat by pots of meat and ate bread to the full!"

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1 Thess. 5:18 - Give thanks *in every circumstance*, for this is God's will for you.

Daniel 6:10 - Now when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went into his house, where the windows of his upper room opened toward Jerusalem, and three times a day he got down on his knees, prayed, and *gave thanks* to his God, just as he had done before.

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