

Sermon Questions

Exodus 14

This week we discussed how we can trust God in our trials. Jesus told us that in this world we would have tribulation. It's a promise that when we walk with the Lord there are going to be challenges that we did not expect. How we respond to these challenges will make a huge difference in our walk with the Lord and the impact we will have on other people. In Exodus 14 we learn of five musts for trusting God in our trials. What was true a few millennia ago is still true today: we have a tendency to desire to respond in our flesh rather than responding in faith. We also have a proclivity to forget that God is still at work and using our trials that He has authored for our good and for His glory. Through our trials we have opportunity for the greatest potential to see God show up and show out! So, when trials come, follow these truths and expect to see God move mightily.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Trust God in Your Trials

Exodus 14

To trust God in your trials you must...

Acknowledge God is actively authoring your circumstances (1-9)

Stop whining to God and stop blaming others (10-12)

Know God is fighting for you (13-14)

Stand firm and take your next step of faith (15-18)

Expect God to show up and show out (19-31)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. What does it mean that God is either authoring or allowing all circumstances to happen? If God is not in charge than who is in charge? What comfort does it provide to know that God is in control of all of our circumstances? Even and especially the ones that are awful?

2. When you are between a rock and a hard place, why is understanding God is in control helpful? When you are standing at the corner of darned if you do and darned if you don't, what comfort is provided through knowing God is working things out on your behalf?
3. Who invited Pharaoh and his armies to come to the Red Sea? Was it for the purpose of destroying His covenant children? What was God looking to accomplish? Was God able to move Pharaoh and his armies like he predicted? Why? Who is authoring world history?
4. What does it mean to stop whining? Where might you need to stop whining? What does it mean to stop blaming? Who might you need to stop blaming? Why are whining and blaming not a badge of honor?
5. When a person is whining and blaming others what are they really communicating? Why is it a bad idea to tell God that He doesn't know what He is doing?
6. What is the problem when self-preservation is your number one goal? Why is it that some people die long before they ever stop breathing and have a funeral? Why are decades often wasted by people who simply want to just go through the motions.
7. Read Galatians 2:20. What does it mean that Christians have already died? If we are already dead, then what freedom does that allow us to have as we live? How can you live more free and alive today knowing that you have already died?
8. What is the significance of knowing that God is fighting for you? How does Romans 8:1 and 8:31 have impact when we go through trials? What happens if we falsely believe God is not helping us in a trial?
9. How good do you feel knowing that even when you cannot see it that God is fighting for you? What comfort does that truth bring?
10. Why are we called to be silent when we are going through a trial? What do we tend to discuss when times are difficult? How does silence help when times are tough?
11. How does being a BRAVE warrior require you to stand firm? Take the next step? Why should you not look back? Why should you always be looking to the Lord and looking forward?
12. If the Lord is going before you why do you not need to fear taking a step of faith? Even when a step of faith seems insignificant why is obedience important?
13. What does it mean to expect God to show up and show out? Why should we expect the miraculous? Why do we often not have enough faith to believe for the miraculous?

14. Read Genesis 18:14, Luke 1:37, Mark 9:23, Luke 18:27, Matthew 17:20. What do these Scriptures teach? Do you believe them? How can you apply them?
15. Which of these five “musts” is God showing you to trust more frequently? Why?
16. What was your greatest take-a-way from today’s message? What do you need to apply right now?