



*Faith in God
includes faith
in His timing*
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March 31, 2024 Sunday School Lesson: The Resurrection: Key to Faith Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

The Weekly Compass

Faith In God's Deliverance

10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." 13 And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." 15 The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. 16 Lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. 17 And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." 19 Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, 20 coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Exodus 14:10-20 (ESV)

Prayer:

Dear Father, God in heaven, Lord thank you for loving me, fighting for me, and helping me to overcome my fears. You are Lord God Almighty. You are bigger and stronger than any problem I have. Thank you Lord for saving me! Forgive me God for doubting Your saving grace and renew in me the ability to stand firm as I face the issues of life! I pray in Jesus' name, Amen!

Unifying Topic: Life Beyond Death

Main Thought: *And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.*

Mark 16:6 (KJV)

Fear Not, Stand Firm!

When faced with a difficult task, guilt, sin, temptation, anxiety, or depression, you may become crippled with fear. Exodus 14:10, tells us that the Israelites feared “greatly” when they saw Pharaoh’s army bearing down on them. The threat of fear seems more immediate than the promise of God’s deliverance. Paul states, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7 KJV). No matter how big the problem, remember God is bigger.

The writer of Hebrews describes for us what faith is, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1 KJV). Although we don’t see how God will remove the fear or fix it, Paul reminds us, “for we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7 ESV). Israel’s hope was threatened with fear. When your hope feels threatened, remember to fear not, stand firm! God will fight for us. Be silent and watch the salvation of God! (vs 13-14). Paul stated, “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13 ESV). Fear not, Stand Firm!

Questions:

1. How do we overcome the fear that paralyzes our confidence?
2. What can we do to help someone overcome their fear and trust God?