

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend 5 minutes a day at least 5 days last week reading the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Did you have spend time alone with God this week?**
- **Do you know what the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked?**



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church**
- We are not a perfect people**
- We are here because we know we need God's help and He has provided this help through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Exodus 13 21 By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. 22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

- So, God had just miraculously delivered them out of Egypt with the 10 plagues - He was leading them – present with them - and all evidence was there for them to Trust Him in what He was doing
- He also gave Moses the word on what was next!

Exodus 14 1 Then the Lord gave these instructions to Moses: 2 “Order the Israelites to turn back and camp by Pi-hahiroth between Migdol and the sea. Camp there along the shore, across from Baal-zephon. 3 Then Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are confused. They are trapped in the wilderness!’ 4 And once again I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will chase after you. I have planned this in order to display my glory through Pharaoh and his whole army. After this the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord!” So the Israelites camped there as they were told.

- We have already established God was leading & present (Surrender)
- We see God had told Moses the reason for turning back and getting them into this seeming trap (Trust)
- We also see the people camped where they were told = (Obedience)
- Over the past couple of weeks we have been being challenged from God's Word that we need to be Surrendered – Obedient - & Trusting!
- God has been giving us opportunities throughout the week to practice these skills with Him in our lives!

- So, Israel is moving along – they have a new life in front of them... Let's look at the moment of truth when they are now forced to face what they've been told is coming.... How do they react when they face “it!”

10 As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord, 11 and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren't there enough graves for

us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? 12 Didn't we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, 'Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It's better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!'"

- So, before we talk about how dumb the Israelites are in this situation, about how quickly they forgot who was leading and Who had promised He was in control; let's consider this:
- How many of us have given our life to Christ?
- Do you know the Holy Spirit is leading our life?

- How many of us have questioned where we were and what was happening in our life this week?
- How many of us have had situations that have come up in our daily walk that we reacted to like “What the?!!”
-Freaking out and wondering Where God is?

13 But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. 14 The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

- We are here again Church - God telling His people in the midst of the challenge - “just stay calm” = Trust!

- Stand still... wait on God... watch what God will do...
 - One of the hardest things for us to do is: “Wait On God” – to stand still and let God do it!
 - We wait until _____ and then we make it happen!
- 15 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to get moving! 16 Pick up your staff and raise your hand over the sea. Divide the water so the Israelites can walk through the middle of the sea on dry ground.

- Remember when I was talking to you about loading my horse in the trailer?
- The trailer, in the mind of the horse, is a trap – the natural instinct of flight (run) is cut off if they step into an enclosure with a wall in front & walls on both sides!
- What I’m asking her to do is just trust me- walk willingly into –what appears to be a trap- & when you do “I will take you somewhere new & you don’t have to work to get there – I will drive you there!”
- God wants to take you somewhere new in your walk!

19 Then the angel of God, who had been leading the people of Israel, moved to the rear of the camp. The pillar of cloud also moved from the front and stood behind them. 20 The cloud settled between the Egyptian and Israelite camps. As darkness fell, the cloud turned to fire, lighting up the night. But the Egyptians and Israelites did not approach each other all night. 21 Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that night,

turning the seabed into dry land. 22 So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!

- Friends, whatever is going on in your life... IF God is leading – you can trust Him to make a way!
- IF you have “tried to make it happen” because you got tired of waiting... you need to repent and give God the controls to lead again!
- Even if it feels like you have been led into a trap... You have to Trust Him ALL the way thru!!!
- He will always make a way!

Action Steps

- **Have you been trying to follow God and feel as if you've been led into a trap that you can't escape?**
- **Is God the one that led you there?**
- **Will you right now stop panicking – stop looking at the situation and instead - look to God to make a way out!?**
- **Even if you've trapped yourself-you can ask Him to make a way and He will make a way for you!**

1 Corinthians 10 12 If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. 13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

- Wait for it.... Wait for it..... Wait... for... it.....