



LIFE OF MOSES

WEEK SIX: EVERY MAN HAS TO LEAD IN THE MIDST OF THE SKIRMISH

KEY SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 14:5-22

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Imagine being in the skirmish on that beach – the Egyptians pressing in, the people fearful for their lives – almost like a scene from *Saving Private Ryan*. Think of all the reactions people could have – frozen in fear, screaming mad, jumping in the water to swim, jumping off the nearest cliff – what would you have done in that scenario?
2. As a group, read Exodus 14:5-22. Think through these questions:
 - How does Moses feel with all these questions he can't answer?
 - Why does God seem to flippantly ask, “why are you crying out to me?” (v.15)
 - Why do you think God likes putting people in this kind of situation?
3. Has there ever been a time in your life where things felt like this – like you were trapped and God was the only one who could come through but there was so little time? What happened?

SO NOW WHAT?

1. What did Moses have with him the whole time that God was waiting to use? (v.16)
2. God can do anything at any time and doesn't need something like a shepherd's staff to do something. Thinking through Moses' personal history, why do you think God used the shepherd's staff as a symbol of his power?
3. What is the thing that you are waiting for God to do in your life to ease the pressure you feel right now?
4. God was waiting for Moses to grab the shepherd's staff to wave over the Red Sea so that he could part the waters. Is there something God is waiting for you to do first so He can do the rest?

PRAYER

Pray that we could have faith in the times of trouble. Pray that we would see God working when it seems like he isn't. Pray that we can figure out what we need to do first so that he can do the rest.

GO DEEPER

Christian Bale stars in a Hollywood rendition of the Exodus called *Exodus: Gods and Kings*. There are some liberties taken with the story, but it is an interesting rendition of the Red Sea crossing. The parting of the Red Sea is a matter of geological and meteorological science:

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