



Part 6: An Insurmountable Obstacle
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So far on the road out...

1. The people of God are in captivity
2. The people of God cry out to him & he hears them
3. God chooses Moses to lead the people
4. Pharaoh refuses to let Israel go
5. God delivers his people from the Egyptians

But before God delivers them...

He leads them to an obstacle

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.

– *Exodus 13:17-18a* ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

Faith is the only way through the obstacle

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. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." – *Exodus 14:13-14* ESV

The reason for the obstacle is to make God known

The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. 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. 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. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." – *Exodus 14:15-18* ESV

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Next Steps

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Small Group Questions



1. Have you ever had to alter travel plans because of an obstacle? Explain.
2. Has it ever seemed as if God led you to an obstacle? How did you get there & what happened?
3. What obstacles are you facing right now that you can't get through without God's help?
4. Tell of a time when God came through for you in a big way. How did you get to know God better as a result?
5. How can we pray for you?