# Be Still... The Work beneath the Wait

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- Waiting on God can feel like LOSING CONTROL.
- The work beneath the wait isn't proof of God's <u>ABSENCE</u> it's proof of His <u>INVOLVEMENT</u>.

Exodus 14:10-14 "And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness." And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

### 1. God is Working the WAY

Exodus 14:10 "And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord"

- The scariest moment of waiting is when <u>PROGRESS</u> feels impossible.
- When FEAR rises, FAITH often forgets what God already did.

#### 2. God is Working the HEART

Exodus 14:11, 13 "...So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord...13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid..."

- What you see as <u>DELAY</u>, God sees as <u>DEVELOPMENT</u>.
- Patience shifts my perception from "What's happening TO me?" to "What is God doing IN me?"

## 3. God is Working the STRENGTH

Exodus 14:11-12 "Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

- The wait weakens our <u>SELF-RELIANCE</u> so His strength can flex
- WEAKNESS is the womb of divine STRENGTH

## 4. God is Working the MIRACLE

Exodus 14:13-14 "And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

- The progress may be <u>PAINFUL</u>, but it's never <u>POINTLESS</u>.
- God waits until human options <u>DIE</u> so only He gets the <u>GLORY</u>

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