

Moses

Pt. 6 – Overwhelmed & Under Attack

Truth: If there's not an attack, there can't be a victory.

Ex. 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." ¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. ^{14:1} Then the Lord said to Moses, ² "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. ³ Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' ⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord."

My response when I am overwhelmed and under attack:

Fear.

Ex. 14:9 The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Paw-Ha – Hee –Roth, opposite Baal Zee fon. ¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord.

I attack others.

Ex. 14:11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Principle: When people attack, there is a reason.

I forget God's power.

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Principle: Attacks reveal God's leaders.

Ex. 14:13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Key Question: How do I respond when things don't go my way?

God's response when I am overwhelmed and under attack:

"What attack?"

Ex. 14:15 *"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why are you crying out to me?'"*

"Keep going!"

Ex. 14:15 *"Tell the Israelites to move on."*

Gal. 6:9 *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

"Watch this!"

Ex. 14:16 *"Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."*