

FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

⁹ The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps. Proverbs 16:9

⁴ Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all day long. **Psalm 25:4, 5**

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TEXT: EXODUS 14:15-31

TITLE: IT IS TIME TO MOVE FORWARD!

INTRODUCTION

- A. Every year, people make New Year's Resolutions to be better and do better (mind, body and spirit)
- B. Sometimes the things of the past keeps pulling us back
- C. Are you being pulled back by something from your past?
- D. A brief background
 - 1. Children of Israel Witnessed God's victory over the Egyptians with the 10 plagues
 - 2. Pharaoh released the Children of Israel
 - 3. God led His people to the banks of the Red Sea
 - 4. God told Moses, "I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the Lord."
 - 5. Pharaoh and his army pursued Israel as the LORD said
 - 6. Israel saw Pharaoh approaching with his army and were afraid
 - 7. Moses comforted the people

"IT IS TIME TO MOVE FORWARD" (VV. 15-22)

- A. Use what you have
 - 1. For Moses, it was the lifting up and stretching out his rod
 - 2. What do you have and how should you use it?
- B. God will deal with those from your past _____
 - 1. God hardened the hearts of the Egyptians to follow them into the Red Sea
 - 2. God knows who is in your past and how to deal with them
- C. God will gain honor from our moving forward _
 - 1. God's goal was to gain honor over Pharaoh and his army, so the Egyptians would know that He is the Lord
 - 2. God's goal is to gain honor over those in our past, so they will know that He is the Lord

THE PAST IS WIPED OUT (VV. 23-28)

- A. God confused the enemy
 - 1. God looked down from heaven
 - 2. God jammed the wheels of the chariots
 - 3. Moses stretched out his hand and the waters covered the Egyptians
- B. God will confuse our enemy _____

AFTER ISRAEL WITNESSED A MIRACLE, THEY BELIEVED GOD AND TRUSTED MOSES (VV. 29-31)

- A. Israel moved forward
 - 1. Israel saw God's great works and honored him
 - 2. Israel respected Moses
- B. We must move forward
 - 1. We will see God's great works and honored him
 - 2. Others will respect us