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Interactive Sunday School Outline

TOPIC: Red Sea - Standing Firm

TEXT: Exodus 14:10-31

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction - During the joy of newfound faith as a college student, I also felt some fear about the challenges I might face. I used to lay awake, afraid that God might call me to do something I didn't want to do, like be a pastor or a missionary to Africa. Unsure of whether I'd like the way my family and friends might respond to me as a pastor, I also wondered if I had the skills or was up to the task at all. In the years that followed, sure enough, I was called to missions - not to Africa, but to college students in the U.S. and eventually, despite my resistance, there was a call to the pastorate as well. Along the way, serving God in these roles became my heart's desire. However, just as I had suspected early on, there have been great challenges. One of the greatest has been to continue to believe and obey when events do not go according to my expectations and God does not bring about events in the way I had hoped he would. Standing at the foot of the Red Sea, Moses faced perhaps the greatest challenge of his leadership up to this point. Read Exodus 14:10-31.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a time when you faced a challenge that ended up being even worse than you expected. What happened? How did you handle it?
2. Explain how you think the Israelites cope with their fears as their former slave master approaches with his army (vs. 10-12)?
3. Clearly the people blame both Moses and God for their predicament. What might Moses have felt like as the people were besieging him with questions and accusations?

4. In our culture today, we as God's people are not currently facing eradication by Pharaoh, but what dangers do we face?
5. Why is it that for most of us (like for the people of Israel), past miracles in our lives don't always generate faith for present dangers?
6. Moses tells the people that they are to "stand firm" while God tells Moses to have them "move on" (vs. 13, 15). How is it possible to do both at the same time? How does each command address their needs?
7. While God does the fighting for Israel, Moses is required to raise his staff and stretch out his hand. What insights does this provide for standing firm in spiritual leadership?
8. Moses refers to himself as God's servant in verse 31. How do you see him living that identity out in this passage as he leads the Israelites?
9. Israel is delivered as Moses stood firm against the onslaught of the Egyptian army. How might God be requiring you to stand firm in the challenges you face? Give an example.