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Roadblocks on the Road Trip
Exodus 13:17-14:18

What roadblock or obstacle have you encountered on a road trip?

Exodus: between 1550-1200 BC

- Israelites had been enslaved _____
- God calls Moses to go to Pharaoh
- Pharaoh releases Israelites only after _____

Ways God uses roadblocks to grow your faith:

I. Roadblocks _____ you

Exodus 13:17-18 *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. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.*

Exodus 14:1-4 *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." So the Israelites did this.*

II. Roadblocks _____ you

Exodus 14:10-12 *As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. 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!"*

III. Roadblocks _____ you

- To Christ
- To others

Exodus 14:13-18 *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." 15 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. 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. 17 I 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. 18 The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."*

Exodus 14:31 *And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. When was a time that an obstacle actually grew your faith?
2. Have you ever thought of a roadblock as a means of God protecting you?
3. What attitudes/motivations/thoughts has God checked in you when you have encountered a roadblock?
4. Are you connected to people who can drive your faith when you have none?
5. What roadblock or obstacle is in your way right now? How can you allow God to use it to grow your faith?

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