

1 **MINISERIES INTRO**

"2020" For many of us there is a flood of stories and emotions that come to mind simply at the mention of it.

For many the connotation is negative. As a result it's quite a challenge for the Christ-follower to obey the imperative to "give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thess. 5:18)

We're going to take a run at Thanksgiving this year, in hopes that we will be up to speed by the time it arrives.

2 **"Y'ALL BE STILL!"**

Exodus 13:17 – 14:31

3 **13:17 THEY MIGHT...RETURN TO EGYPT**

Reminds us of the unstoppable nature of God

The plan of God was coming together,
and it couldn't be stopped

Consider Is. 9:7

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Tells us of God's deep desire to see His people free from bondage

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4 **13:22**

"Neither...left its place *in front of* the people."

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Why? Because that's where God was taking them. Imagine someone saying, "but I want to go over there instead!" "Okay, but you're on your own, because here is where God is headed."

(We'll see it moving in 4:19-20)

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14:1-4 God knows hearts. Often works behind the scenes

14:5-9 Remember that the work of God cannot be thwarted. No matter how things appeared ("all of Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops"), God was fully in control.

Sovereignty is like that...

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6 **14:10-12**

The Israelite response? Pure panic.

Moses' response? Vss 13-14 "the Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Who bore the anger that arose from their fear? MOSES

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(S/O to servants of God who sometimes find themselves in the crosshairs for not freaking out or not taking 'decisive' action.)

7 **YOU NEED ONLY TO BE STILL...**

'Be still? But we're overtaken by the enemy (vs. 9) and we have nowhere to go.'

Was Moses just trying to pacify the crowd?

Was his instruction contrary to what God says next?

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Or was it a reminder? "Stop pretending like it's all up to you. Stop the panic. Stop the self-reliance. Stop the hatefulness and fear. You are the people of God."

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8 **"BE STILL." "MOVE ON!" OKAY???**

The plan is to quiet our hearts before the Lord so we can hear His still small voice. To stop striving and start trusting. To walk confidently in His ways, in spite of what is going on around us.

Our advantage here?

We can go back to the sacred Instructions repeatedly...

Lose your step? Go back to the word of God. Get confused? Forget the plan? Miss an order?

Go back to the word of God.

9 **VSS. 16-22**

The God who wrote the laws of nature is not bound by the laws of nature...

And now the cloud that never moved from in front of them when God was leading them was on the move...

I wonder if anyone saw it moving to the rear and thought perhaps God was abandoning them.

"There goes the angel of the Lord and the pillar of cloud. Great. Just great!"

10 **VSS. 23FF**

Such an incredibly powerful display of deliverance and justice, all resulting in the people both fearing the Lord – which is "the beginning of wisdom" - and trusting Him. (14:31)

Trust in Moses also resulted, as did thanksgiving and praise of God, our Deliverer (Chap 15)

11 **A FEW TAKEAWAYS**

- Although God used Moses, this account is not about Moses Consider Vss. 4, 17-18, 25 and 31

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- The Zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish whatever needs done. He is unstoppable. Acts 5:38-39

12 **A FEW TAKEAWAYS**

- You don't want to be an enemy of God 14:26-28

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- In a panic? Go back to the truth in the word of God
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- Deliverance was experienced by those who submitted to the plan of God.
His timing. His method. His rules.
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