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MOSES AT THE RED SEA When You're in a Tight Spot

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Part 1 of 3

When life gets tough you can choose:

ESCAPE: Try to go backwards

DENIAL: Get stuck where you are

ENDURE: Go all the way through

God wants to take us through the problem – not around it and not instead of it.

What does it mean to make it through?

1. **YOU MUST KNOW THAT GOD HAS A PLAN**

“Tell the people to march toward Pi Hahiroth between Midgol and the sea. Camp there along the shore, opposite Baa—sephon. Then Pharaoh will think, ‘Those Israelites are confused. They are trapped between wilderness and the sea!’” Ex. 14:2-3 (NLT)

*“People can make all kinds of plans, but **only the Lord’s plan** will happen.”* Prov. 19:21 (NCV)

If you take God’s plan you have to take God’s timing with it.

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” Jer. 29:11 (NIV)

*“Your plans for us are **too numerous** to list.”* Ps. 40:5 (NLT)

Biblical Background about the Father of Islam

Genesis 16:2,10-12:

“So Sarai said to Abram, ‘See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.’ And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai...”

“I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude. Ishmael, he shall be a wild man, his hand shall be against every man and every man’s hand against him. He shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”

Genesis 17:18-20:

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“Isaac, I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly and I will make a great nation.”

Genesis 21:12-21

“Whatever Sarah has told you, listen to her voice for in Isaac your seed shall be called, Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman because he is your seed. So God was with the lad (child); and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness and became an archer. And his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.”

*“We know that in **everything** God works for the good of those who love Him. They are the people He called, because that was His plan.” Rom 8:28 (NCV)
When we cannot trace God we must trust Him.*

2. YOU MUST FACE YOUR GREATEST FEAR

The one thing that you are not willing to face is most likely the one thing keeping you stuck where you are.

“The Egyptians – all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops – pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea ...” Ex. 14:9 (NIV)

*“By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger, he persevered because **he saw Him** who is invisible.” Heb. 11:27 (NIV)*

Where do you find courage to face your greatest fear? It is found in someone who is greater.

Fear = False Evidence Appearing Real

Terms of Islam

1. ISLAM – means “submission to Allah”
2. MUSLIM – means “one who is in submission (1.1 billion)
3. ALLAH – the name that muslims give to God.
4. MUHAMMED – Born AD 570 Died AD 632
Allah’s last prophet in a line of 124,000
5. The FIVE PILLARS OF THE ISLAMIC RELIGION
 - a. Reciting the Creed (shahada)
“There is no God but Allah and Muhammed is the messenger of Allah”
 - b. Prayer (salat)
At five set times a day.

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- c. Almsgiving (sakat)
Both obligatory and voluntary giving to the poor.
- d. Fasting (saum)
Especially during the “holy” month of Ramadan
- e. Pilgrimage (hajj)
At least once in a lifetime to Mecca.
- 6. KORAN – QUR’AN – Holy book of Muhammed’s teachings
- 7. SALVATION
 - a. Must observe each of the 5 pillars
 - b. A man’s deeds are written in a book. On the day of judgment Allah will open the book and the sum of a man’s account will be placed in either His right or left hand.
 - c. The only sure way to paradise is to die as a martyr during an Islamic Holy War called “Jihad”.
- 8. HONOR is considered one of the most highly esteemed characteristics of a muslim. Once a muslim makes a vow, promise or commitment, he will rarely back away from it.
- 9. TALIBAN – From students to conquerors the Taliban militia currently control 90% of Afghanistan. Osama Bin Laden is a part of the Taliban.
- 10. INFIDEL – anyone who is not a muslim. Koran teaches convert them or kill them (300 times)

*“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had **been with Jesus.**” Acts 4:13 (NIV)*

3. YOU MUST TAKE THE NEXT STEP OF FAITH

What the people said:

“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? Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone: let us serve the Egyptians?’” Ex. 14:11-12 (NIV)

What Moses said:

“Don’t be afraid. Just stand where you are and watch the Lord rescue you.” Ex. 14:13 (NLT)

What God said:

*“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the people to **get moving!**’” Ex 14:15 (NLT)*

Do the ONE THING God is asking you to do next.

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“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.” Ex. 14:21-22 (NIV)

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:17 (NIV)

3 Final Things:

1. Get priorities in order
2. Stop replacing God with the blessings from God.
3. Take the next step in the direction of what only God can do.