Noise Causes Movement

You and I often get complacent in our walk with Christ. We get so comfortable that often times God has to cause some noise to remind us that we need to be moving.

**Exodus 14** **14**At Etham the Lord said to Moses:**2**Tell the people of Israel to turn back and camp across from Pi-Hahiroth near Baal-Zephon, between Migdol and the Red Sea.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+14&version=CEV#fen-CEV-1724a)]

**3**The king[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+14&version=CEV" \l "fen-CEV-1725b" \o "See footnote b)] will think they were afraid to cross the desert and that they are wandering around, trying to find another way to leave the country.

**4**I will make the king stubborn again, and he will try to catch you. Then I will destroy him and his army. People everywhere will praise me for my victory, and the Egyptians will know that I really am the Lord.

The Israelites obeyed the Lord and camped where he told them.

**5**When the king of Egypt heard that the Israelites had finally left, he and his officials changed their minds and said, “Look what we have done!

We let them get away, and they will no longer be our slaves.”

**6**The king got his war chariot and army ready.

**7**He commanded his officers in charge of his six hundred best chariots and all his other chariots to start after the Israelites.

**8**The Lord made the king so stubborn that he went after them, even though the Israelites proudly[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+14&version=CEV" \l "fen-CEV-1730c" \o "See footnote c)] went on their way.

**9**But the king’s horses and chariots and soldiers caught up with them while they were camping by the Red Sea near Pi-Hahiroth and Baal-Zephon.

**10**When the Israelites saw the king coming with his army, they were frightened and begged the Lord for help.

**11**They also complained to Moses, “Wasn’t there enough room in Egypt to bury us? Is that why you brought us out here to die in the desert? Why did you bring us out of Egypt anyway?

**12**While we were there, didn’t we tell you to leave us alone? We had rather be slaves in Egypt than die in this desert!”

**13**But Moses answered, “Don’t be afraid! Be brave, and you will see the Lord save you today. These Egyptians will never bother you again.

**14**The Lord will fight for you, and you won’t have to do a thing.”

**15**The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you keep calling out to me for help? Tell the Israelites to move forward.

**16**Then hold your walking stick over the sea. The water will open up and make a road where they can walk through on dry ground.

**17**I will make the Egyptians so stubborn that they will go after you. Then I will be praised because of what happens to the king and his chariots and cavalry.

**18**The Egyptians will know for sure that I am the Lord.”

**19**All this time God’s angel had gone ahead of Israel’s army, but now he moved behind them. A large cloud had also gone ahead of them,

**20**but now it moved between the Egyptians and the Israelites. The cloud gave light to the Israelites, but made it dark for the Egyptians, and during the night they could not come any closer.

**21**Moses stretched his arm over the sea, and the Lord sent a strong east wind that blew all night until there was dry land where the water had been. The sea opened up,

**22**and the Israelites walked through on dry land with a wall of water on each side.

**23**The Egyptian chariots and cavalry went after them.

**24**But before daylight the Lord looked down at the Egyptian army from the fiery cloud and made them panic.

**25**Their chariot wheels got stuck,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+14&version=CEV" \l "fen-CEV-1747d" \o "See footnote d)] and it was hard for them to move. So the Egyptians said to one another, “Let’s leave these people alone! The Lord is on their side and is fighting against us.”

**26**The Lord told Moses, “Stretch your arm toward the sea—the water will cover the Egyptians and their cavalry and chariots.”

**27**Moses stretched out his arm, and at daybreak the water rushed toward the Egyptians. They tried to run away, but the Lord drowned them in the sea.

**28**The water came and covered the chariots, the cavalry, and the whole Egyptian army that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them was left alive.

**29**But the sea had made a wall of water on each side of the Israelites; so they walked through on dry land.

**30**On that day, when the Israelites saw the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the shore, they knew that the Lord had saved them.

**31**Because of the mighty power he had used against the Egyptians, the Israelites worshiped him and trusted him and his servant Moses.

**I. Going Where God Leads Will Often Seem Like Our Backs Are Against The Wall**

**Exodus 14 (CEV) 14 At Etham the Lord said to Moses: 2Tell the people of Israel to turn back and camp across from Pi-Hahiroth near Baal-Zephon, between Migdol and the Red Sea.**

God lead the Israelites by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. There was no mistaking where they were supposed to be.

**3The kingwill think they were afraid to cross the desert and that they are wandering around, trying to find another way to leave the country.**

**4I will make the king stubborn again, and he will try to catch you. Then I will destroy him and his army.**

God knows where the noise will come and already has a plan to defeat it, but we must be ready to move in his direction.

**4b People everywhere will praise me for my victory, and the** **Egyptians will know that I really am the Lord**.

There is purpose in the situation that you find yourself in. When you see no way out, even when you can’t see it He’s working, Why, because he wants and deserves all honor praise and glory.

**4c The Israelites obeyed the Lord and camped where he told them.**

**5When the king of Egypt heard that the Israelites had finally left, he and his officials changed their minds.**

The problem is that so many believe those lies that he speaks, we follow as if he really has our best interest at heart.

**and said, “Look what we have done! We let them get away, and they will** **no longer be our slaves**.”

The Enemy wants to use you, don’t be fooled, he might even flatter you, don’t be fooled he only wants to use you.

**II. Going Where God Leads Will Often Seem Like God Is Against Us**

**6The king got his war chariot and army ready.**

**7He commanded his officers in charge of his six hundred best chariots and all his other chariots to start after the. Israelites.**

**8The Lord made the king so stubborn that he went after them,**

**Psalm 121:1** I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth

**even though the Israelites proudly[**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+14&version=CEV#fen-CEV-1730c)**] went on their way**.

**2 Corinthians 5:7** **7**For we walk by faith, not by sight.

**9But the king’s horses and chariots and soldiers caught up with them while they were camping**

Sometimes we would be so content in life and never need God unless he brought a little noise in our life to spur is on.

**III. Going Where God Leads Will Often Seem Too Loud**

**10When the Israelites saw the king coming with his army, they were frightened and begged the Lord for help**.

It’s so eye opening that at the first sign of noise we are quick to call on God and ask him to rescue us and remove the noise quickly.

**11They also complained to Moses**,

**“Wasn’t there enough room in Egypt to bury us? Is that why you brought us out here to die in the desert?**

When we allow the noise to control our thoughts we often become irrational and almost in every situation we turn our emotions on to someone else and blame them for how and why we got where we are.

**Why did you bring us out of Egypt anyway?**

**12While we were there, didn’t we tell you to leave us alone? We had rather be slaves in Egypt than die in this desert!”**

Often times when things are the loudest it will cause you over exaggerate your thoughts.

**IV. Going Where God Leads Will Seem Like Its Too Big For Him To Handle**

**13But Moses answered, “Don’t be afraid! Be brave, and you will see the Lord save you today. These Egyptians will never bother you again.**

**14The Lord will fight for you, and you won’t have to do a thing.”**

Be careful who you give ear to, for some stir the pot rather than turn down the fire**.**

**15The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you keep calling out to me for help? Tell the Israelites to move forward.**

**16Then hold your walking stick over the sea. The water will open up and make a road where they can walk through on dry ground.**

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**18The Egyptians will know for sure that I am the Lord.”**

God’s plan always ends with Him receiving ALL the glory and honor, our plans always end with us getting all the praise glory and honor.

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**but now he moved behind them. A large cloud had also gone ahead of them,**

**20but now it moved between the Egyptians and the Israelites. The cloud gave light to the Israelites, but made it dark for the Egyptians, and during the night they could not come any closer.**

God will not only guide you in your time of trouble, but he will keep the enemy at bay long enough for God to see you through to the other side.

**V. Going Where God Leads Will Seem Senseless Why You Ever Doubted Him**

**21Moses stretched his arm over the sea, and the Lord sent a strong east wind that blew all night until there was dry land where the water had been. The sea opened up,**

**22and the Israelites walked through on dry land with a wall of water on each side.**

God is a God of detail, he didn’t even allow the Israelites feet to get muddy, they walked across on dry land. When we listen to the noise rather than God we often end up in a muddy situation.

**23The Egyptian chariots and cavalry went after them.**

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**The Lord is on their side and is fighting against us.”**

The enemy will eventually realize that God is fighting the battle and not you. The enemy is no match for God.

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To me God will create noise to spur you along when you get complacent, this will always be for your good and ultimately to bring you into a place of worship.

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