

BRINGING GOD GLORY IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES (Exodus 14:1-4)

Why did God lead the Israelites to the edge of the sea with the army of Egypt behind them and nowhere to go? They cried out (Ex 14:11), “Why have you done this to us?” but they were asking the wrong question.

I. ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION

1. Fact: Life brings dilemmas.
2. Our natural instinct is to ask, “God why have you let this happen?”
3. The right Q: “How can I glorify God in this situation?” (Ex 14:3-4)
4. Our troubles are to be an opportunity for God to be glorified. (Psalm 136)

II. GLORIFYING GOD IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR COMFORT

1. In John 9 a man who was born blind.
 2. In John 11 Lazarus was deathly ill.
 3. In John 12:27-28; Jesus faced His own death on the cross.
- Our lives are to be about bringing glory to God. (Ps 115:1)
4. The right question: “God how will You gain glory through this situation?”

III. GOD WILL DELIVER HIS PEOPLE IN HIS OWN WAY...FOR HIS GLORY!

1. God always intended to gain glory by saving Israel from Egypt.
2. God’s ways are not our ways; He allows and uses difficulty to bring Him honor and glory.
3. He may not deliver in my way or timing...but God will deliver!

Closing:

1. It is comforting to know God’s plan is to deliver His children.
2. Our question when trouble comes is not, “Why?” but...
“Heavenly Father, “How can I glorify You in this situation?”