

Three Times When Excuses End

3. When you're sick and tired of being sick and tired.

2. When faith requires waiting

1. When Its blinkers (blindness) time

Blinkers are put on horses so they can only see in one direction

The truth is God desires us to focus on One Direction in our lives

“Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.”

The Sermon on the Mount

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

When we use excuses and do not in faith focus on the kingdom and follow Jesus. God brings out the blinkers.

Exodus 14 was such a time.

Notice God places them where he is the only option.

Exodus 14:1-10

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.

Remember God's desires

1. Free His people

2. Teach them they can trust God

3. Bring judgement on Egypt

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.

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” **6** So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. **7** He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. **8** The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. **9** The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord.

Israel's mindset

Exodus 14:11-12

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!"

In Spite of Your Faith God Desires to Save For Himself a People

Luke 19:39-41

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

40 "I tell you," He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

Exodus 14:13-14

13 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."

What Will God Do in Your Life?

He will fight for you

But what if He doesn't

Acts 7:54

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

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When He doesn't it is only your perception that cannot see everything

On the other side of the blinkers God demonstrates He is God

Exodus 14:15-18

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.”

The Question Today Is, Do You Trust Him?