

The Red Sea Rules

#1 - You Are Where God Wants You

*God Given Strategies for Facing
the Tough Times of Life*

Life is hard!

Here's the "BLUF" (bottom line up front) – *God knows where you are.*

1. Some Questions for Today

1. Who led Israel to skip the short cut? Exodus 13:17-18
2. Who led Israel into this dead end trap? Exodus 14:1-2
3. Was God blind-sided by what happened down the dead end trap?
4. Could it be that God has lessons for me to learn that I can learn no other way?

"The sea was before them, Pharaoh's hosts behind them, and the mountains around them. And all this, be it observed, permitted and ordered of God." – C. H. Mackintosh
"He knows the way He taketh, even if for the moment we do not." – J. I. Packer

2. Some Questions for Personal Study

1. What tension exists between the sovereignty of God and the suffering of His people?
2. What about when our suffering is the result of our own sin? Does this negate everything we are learning? Am I destined to suffering because of my past?
3. What does "all things" mean when God says in Romans 8:28 that "all things work together for good"?

Our whole perspective changes when, finding ourselves in a hard place, we realize the Lord has either placed us there or allowed us to be there, perhaps for reasons presently known only to Himself.

*"Heavenly Father,
Through my mistakes, the choices of others, and Your providence, I am where I am. I'm facing this challenge. I confess I'm full of fear, worry, and panic. I don't want to be in this emotional, chaotic state. But I do want to praise You in all things and at all times. To get there I must realize that You mean for me to be where I am. I recognize Your sovereignty. I praise You for being a God who never sleeps or grows weary. You're fully aware of my circumstances. I choose to trust You.
In Jesus Name, Amen."*



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