

Assurance

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Romans 15:4 (ESV)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that **through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures** we might have hope.

We should endure because the Scriptures give us the encouragement revealing the mighty work of God on our behalf! In Psalm 106, God uses the Israelites facing the Red Sea to give us instruction for when we face impossible situations. First look at God's motivation to help us.

Psalm 106:8 (ESV)

Yet he saved them **for his name's sake**, that he might **make known his mighty power**.

This an account of God with HIS chosen, called out people. Israel has just experienced the greatest miracles ever recorded. They have come out of Egypt and are blocked by the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptian army chasing them from behind. Instead of trusting God, they are terrified. However, this impossible situation was intended to reveal the glory of God. This is an account to instruct the church today. Our impossible situation is meant as an opportunity to reveal the greatness of the One and Only True God. When Israel stood before an impossible situation, God worked. When we stand before an impossible situation, God works.

OVERHEAD – Parting Sea!!

Psalm 106:9–11 (ESV)

- ⁹ He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry,
and he led them through the deep as through a
desert.
- ¹⁰ So he saved them from the hand of the foe
and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.
- ¹¹ And the waters covered their adversaries;
not one of them was left.

Three Life Lessons:

**#1 God's Name is on display and God desires to
make known HIS mighty power!**

Psalm 106:8 (ESV)

Yet he saved them **for HIS NAME'S sake**,
that he might **make known his mighty power**.

#2 God orchestrated your impossible situation.

Exodus 14:1–2 (ESV)

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell the people of
Israel you shall encamp facing (the Red Sea).”

**#3 The problem in the front takes care of the
problem in the back.**

Psalm 106:11 (ESV)

And **the waters covered their adversaries**;
not one of them was left.

God reveals HIMSELF and receives the glory!

Psalm 106:12 (ESV)
Then they believed his words;
they sang his praise.

We sing God's praises when we experience HIS mighty miracles! Our faith and trust grow because God reveals HIMSELF to us. We magnify HIM in the world. Now we are ready for the next impossible situation!

"However do not" be like the Israelites who soon forgot the God of the miraculous!

OVERHEAD – Next Situation – Leanness of Soul!!

Psalm 106:13–15 (ESV)

¹³ But they soon forgot his works;

they did not wait for his counsel.

**¹⁴ But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness,
and put God to the test in the desert;**

**¹⁵ he gave them what they asked,
but sent a wasting disease among them.**

**Or KJV – he gave them what they asked
But sent leanness into their soul.**

**God has revealed HIMSELF to give us assurance in the impossible situation. God then wants us to grow in our faith to be able to confidently face the future!
Have Assurance at your own Red Sea!!!**

OVERHEAD – Individually Walking through the Red Sea!! Hear Moses!! Be the Moses in your situation!

Exodus 14:13 (ESV)

And Moses said to the people, “**Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD**, which he will work for you today.”

This was not just for Moses and the Israelites! It was to give us encouragement today. If we don't believe this then we are living just like every one else in this world. **We are surviving by our own efforts living just like God doesn't exist.**

Assurance!

Are you **fully convinced** God has paid the penalty for your sins and you will spend eternity in heaven? **Then also** be **fully convinced** that God is able to do today everything HE has promised.

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

And there is salvation in **no one else**, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Prophetic Team
Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.