

## **“The Red Sea Rules” by Robert J. Morgan**

Chapter 1: Realize that God means for you to be where you are.

Exodus 14:1-2 – God told Moses to lead the Israelites to a dangerous place.

A. Does God let His people experience difficulties?

Scripture: John 16:33 – “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

James 1:2 – Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

1 Peter 4:12 – Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

B. Our own bad choices can cause the problems. Then what?

Scripture: Peter’s choices: Luke 22:54-62 – his denials of Christ

C. What is the outcome of our choices?

Scripture: Luke 22:31-32 – Peter failed but when he turned back, he strengthened his brothers.

John 21:15-17 – Jesus reinstates Peter.

Acts 2: 14, 37-41 – Peter ministers to the people and about 3,000 were baptized that day.

D. What is the promise?

Scripture: Romans 8:28 – And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Question: Is this promise hard to embrace for your specific struggles? Why or why not?