

“The Red Sea Rules” by Robert J. Morgan

Review: Chapter 1: Realize that God means for you to be where you are.
Chapter 2: Be concerned for God’s glory than for your relief.
Chapter 3: Acknowledge your enemy but keep your eyes on the Lord.
Chapter 4: Pray
Chapter 5: Stay Calm and Confident & Give God Time to Work
Chapter 6: When unsure, just take the next logical step by faith.
Chapter 7: Envision God’s enveloping presence.
Chapter 8: Trust God to Deliver in His Own Unique Way.

Chapter 9: View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future.

Exodus 14:30-31 “The Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses.”

- A. Has it been difficult to place your trust in God when He may not come through the way you initially hoped?
- B. What does it mean to fear the Lord, and what do you think is the relationship between fear and faith?

Scripture: **Deut. 6:13** – “Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you;”

Deut. 10:12 – “And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to Love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,”

1Sam. 12:14 – “If you fear the Lord and serve and obey him and do not rebel against his commands, and if both you and the king who reigns over you follow the Lord your God – good!”

Job 1:9 - “Does Job fear God for nothing? Satan replied. “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has?”

2 Cor. 5:11 – “Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men.”

- C. Based on 2 Corinthians 1:8-9, what’s one of the reasons God allows trials in our lives?
2 Cor. 1:8-9 – “We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.”

- D. What was the disciples’ reaction when they saw the storm?
Matthew 8:23-27 – “Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

Note: The disciples had witnessed 3 healing miracles prior to this.

What steps can we take today to strengthen our faith?