



WALKING BY
FAITH

Walking Into the Unknown

EXODUS 15

As you face the unknown ...

I. Walk by faith, remembering God's past _____.

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation ..." vv. 1b-2a

GAUGE: Is the _____ of the Lord my strength?

II. Walk by faith, following God's leading into future _____.

Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" vv. 22-24

GAUGE: Are my sights set on _____ that will not satisfy?

III. Walk by faith, trusting God's power to transform your daily _____.

And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. v. 25a

GAUGE: Do I rely on God to turn _____ into a blessing?

WALKING BY FAITH INTO THE UNKNOWN ...

Expect your faith to be _____ so it can be fortified.

Pick the right _____ to discern God's direction.

Don't _____ for what you know to be less than God's best.

HOME GROUP STUDY & DEVOTIONAL

As you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 15. About whom and what were the people singing (vv. 1-21)? Why does the Holy Spirit record this song? Do you ever respond in this way?
2. Do you ever respond with praise to the Lord when circumstances are difficult? Why should we do that?
3. About three days pass between verses 21 and 22. How could people who have just experienced miracles and sung praises show such faithlessness so quickly? What attitudes really lay behind this?
4. Every new day brings uncertainty. How can you practically abide in times that test your faith by ...
 - remembering God's past victories
 - following God's lead into future uncertainties
 - trusting God's power to transform daily troubles
5. How much would you say you **expect** your faith to be tested? Or do circumstances that test your faith seem to surprise you? How has this sermon encouraged you in that area?
6. At what broken cisterns do you tend to look for sustenance? Why are these mirages, and why don't they satisfy as much as Jesus' living water?
7. We can all respond with joy when things are going well, but what about when times are difficult? On what (or whom) does your joy depend these days? How can you shift your focus to find your joy in the Lord Jesus instead of other things?
8. The pastor discussed gauges that can help us determine if we're following and obeying God. What are examples of gauges that are good for us to use as a benchmark, and ones that are wrong to use? How can we know the difference? Did the gauges on the sermon notes help you?

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

A real trial was this experience, but how sadly Israel failed under it. ... They appeared to have overlooked entirely the fact that they had been led to Marah by the Pillar of Cloud! Their murmuring against Moses was, in reality, murmuring against the Lord. And so it is with us. Every complaint against our circumstances, every grumble about the weather, about the way people treat us, about the daily trials of life, is directed against that One Who "works all things after the counsel of His Own will (Eph 1:11). Remember, dear reader, that what is here recorded of Israel's history is "written for our admonition" (1 Cor 10:11). There is the same evil heart of unbelief and the same rebellious will within us as were in the Israelites. Therefore we need to earnestly seek grace that the one may be subdued and the other broken. And what was the cause of their "murmuring?" There can be only one answer: their eye was no longer upon God.

ARTHUR PINK

When the people of God enjoy abundance, they expect continued abundance. They look ahead anticipating wave after wave of blessings. Maybe you have done that recently. God has expressed His grace in a tangible way, and you enjoyed an abundance of something. If you don't watch yourself, you will begin to expect that abundance as your own personal right. That's unrealistic and wouldn't even be good for you. I'm sure when Israel left the Red Sea and went out into the wilderness, the people expected continued abundance and continued miracles that would keep them comfortable, safe and satisfied. They were riding the glory train to Canaan, and nobody imagined that it would grind to a halt along the way. They were looking ahead, anticipating abundance.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit ccbcfamily.org/events.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

CCBC OFFICES CLOSED In observance of Independence Day, our offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 3 and 4.

USE YOUR GIFTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE God has given each of us unique gifts, talents, and passions — not just for our own benefit, but to build up the church and care for others! Whether you're great with kids, love making people feel welcome, enjoy working behind the scenes, or have a heart for prayer or discipleship, there's a place for you to serve at Christ Chapel. Explore opportunities at ccbcfamily.org/serve.

SUMMER NIGHTS WITH RENOVATE This summer is all about connection, community, and taking steps in your faith, and Renovate is the place for young adults to do just that. Join us for monthly gatherings, fun events, and opportunities to grow as His disciple. One of the highlights? We're heading to the Rangers Game on Wednesday, July 2! It's the perfect chance to invite a friend, hang out, and make some summer memories. Buy a ticket at ccbcfamily.org/rangers.

HELP SOMEONE TAKE THEIR NEXT STEP One of the most powerful ways to grow in your faith is by helping someone else grow in theirs! This summer, our Men's and Women's Ministries are inviting you to be part of that journey by stepping into discipleship. When you sign up, you'll be paired with someone to encourage, pray for, and walk alongside as they grow in their relationship with Jesus. Visit the Men's and Women's Ministry pages at ccbcfamily.org to learn more.

GATHER, GROW, AND DELIGHT Delight is a night created just for high school girls — a chance to step away from the noise, be with friends, and discover what it means to truly delight in the Lord! Together, we'll talk about the joy that comes from knowing Jesus, how He delights in you, and why His ways lead to freedom. It's a night to rest, reflect, and be reminded of how deeply you're loved. Find all the details at ccbcfamily.org/delight.

WE LOVE OUR CITIES God invites us to step into the broken places with compassion, kindness, and hope. Through Jesus' finished work, we have the power to bring healing and share His love in real, practical ways right where we live. Let's be the light in our neighborhoods and show the world what God's love looks like. Step into this along with Local Outreach and our various ministry partners at ccbcfamily.org/local.



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