

What's Next?: Finding Hope Between the Red Sea and the Chariot Wheels

A Devotional on Faith Amid Fear

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Have you ever felt backed into a corner, the walls of circumstance closing in with nowhere to turn? The familiar rumble of fear, the rising tide of panic – it is a place we all know, a crossroads of "*what ifs*" and "*what nows*." The Israelites, fresh from escaping the chains of Egyptian slavery, found themselves facing a similar crossroads at the edge of the Red Sea.

The crashing waves before them, the thunder of Pharaoh's chariots behind – the sheer impossibility of their situation must have been suffocating. This was not a minor detour on their journey to freedom; it felt like an abrupt and terrifying end. "What's next?" was not just a question whispered in hushed tones, it was a collective cry etched onto every anxious face.

It is easy to judge their doubt and declare, "They should have trusted God!" But have we not all stood at the edge of our own personal Red Seas? The crushing weight of job loss, the diagnosis that steals our breath, the betrayal that shatters our world, the loss of a very dear one – *in those moments, fear does not respect logic or faith.*

But here is the astounding thing about the Red Sea narrative: *God did not rebuke their fear, He responded to it.* He parted the waters, not as a reward for unwavering belief, but as a demonstration of His unwavering faithfulness. He transformed their "What's Next?" from a terrified question to an exclamation of awe and wonder.

The parting of the Red Sea was not just about escaping Egypt; it was about embracing a future sculpted by *Divine Hands*. It was about understanding that even when the path ahead seems impossible, God is in the business of making a way where there seems to be none.

So, what about your own "Red Sea" moments? Those times when the future feels precarious, the ground beneath you uncertain? Remember this:

Doubt is not the enemy of faith, it is often the catalyst for it. God is not intimidated by our questions, He invites them.

God's response to our fears is often bigger than we can imagine. His deliverance might not always look how we expect, but it will always be

a testament to His power and love.

Stepping into the "what's next?" requires courage. It is a step of faith, trusting that even though we cannot see the entire path, He is already there, guiding our steps.

So, take heart. Your Red Sea moment might be terrifying, but it is not the final chapter. Let God's faithfulness be the wind in your sails, propelling you forward into a future brimming with His promises. The best, as they say, is yet to come.