

## **Crossing the Red Sea**

### **Exodus 13, 14**

#### **LEVEL 5 – SAVED BY REAL TRUTH**

The story of the crossing of the Red Sea completes the escape of the Children of Israel from Pharaoh and his armies. It is, of course, an exciting story filled with miracles. The Children of Israel are apparently trapped at the border of the Sea with the army of Pharaoh behind them. But the Lord, through His servant Moses, parts the Sea and allows the Children of Israel to cross on dry land. Pharaoh and his army, chasing after them, find themselves mired in the sea bed and drowned as the waters rush back.



*What does this story describe that applies directly to our own lives?  
It involves:*

Something good: The Children of Israel stand for the good things that we want to do.

Something selfish or evil: Pharaoh and his army are like the selfish loves that are within us. They plague us and enslave us.

A false idea: The Red Sea is like a sea of false ideas.

A true idea: The rod in Moses' hand that parts the water is truth from the Word.

Here is an illustration:

something good: it is a good thing to want to help a person in need. That good love is like the Children of Israel.

something selfish: we don't want to bother spending our time or money helping the person in need. That is like Pharaoh and his army.

a false idea: we tell ourselves reasons why we do not need to help the needy person. We might say we are too busy; we have more important things to do; the person will only waste what we give so why bother; it's not our fault they are in trouble. We could have a whole lot of these thoughts—a sea blocking our way.

a true idea: we know something true from the Word that pushes away the selfish ideas, just like the rod of Moses pushed back the water of the Red Sea.

**“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

**“All things you would that men should do to you do you even so to them.”**

If we follow these true teachings from the Word we can cross over the “sea” and do what is right.

**Application**

Here are two cases. You will have to think out the conclusion of each case. In each case think of something good you should want to do, something selfish you might feel or do, a false idea that would stop you doing something good, and a true idea that would lead you through the selfish thoughts to do the right thing.

1. A person runs a beauty parlor. All her clients are white. A black woman starts coming to the beauty parlor. One white woman tells her that unless she stops dealing with the black woman she and her friends will stop coming to her.

something good: \_\_\_\_\_  
 something selfish: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a false idea: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a true idea: \_\_\_\_\_

2. You want to make friends with a new student at school, a shy and not very confident person. A popular and influential member of the “in crowd” lets you know that this would not be considered “cool.”

something good: \_\_\_\_\_  
 something selfish: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a false idea: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a true idea: \_\_\_\_\_

3. *Now try to make up a situation yourself:*

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something good: \_\_\_\_\_  
 something selfish: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a false idea: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a true idea: \_\_\_\_\_