



SOMETIMES WE STAND TO
learn the most about God
FROM THE SITUATIONS WE
UNDERSTAND THE LEAST

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WEEK 4

FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

This week, we see God's hand at work orchestrating every detail from the hardening of Pharaoh's heart to a multitude of Israelites marching to freedom. We see mountains move as people rise from the dead, and the forces of water pushed to the side as the sea is parted in two.

When God directs our steps, it won't necessarily make sense to us, in fact it might be daunting, overwhelming, and stressful at times. And so, it's important for us to remember that we're right where God wants us to be. We must keep in mind that nothing is impossible to God. He excels us in wisdom and power, and He's always at work in our lives.

Those who put their trust in Him are wise to remember that He's at work in their lives whether they understand it or not. A difficult situation is an opportunity to connect with God in ways that would otherwise be missed. It opens a door to deliverance, it opens a door to His glory and power, it opens a door to His grace.

How often do I miss those opportunities? How often do I grumble and complain when I don't understand?

I think about the Israelites hemmed in to that section of land with the desert on one side and the sea on the other, while 600 chariots raced on in pursuit. In situations like that it's hard to remember that we're right where God wants us to be. In times like that it's easier to question God than it is to trust in His provision and grace.

Most of us truly want to be rescued by God, but we don't have the patience to wait for His timing. We don't have the strength to lean on His wisdom. And we don't have the sense to get out of the way and let Him do His work.

But here's the thing, when we allow God to lead us through desert places, we open up a world of opportunity for His glory and grace to be displayed in our lives.

What they deemed as an impossible situation was an opportunity for God to not only bless them with the gift of deliverance, but to also reveal His glory to the world.

His provision comes by grace, and is often displayed in unexpected ways. Rarely the way that we think it will happen and always for the good of our soul. Faith is possibly the hardest thing to exercise. It calls us to sacrifice, to humility, and to patience. Faith tells us to step aside so that God can work through us.

Think about that next time you're in the midst of a trial. Grab hold of anticipation, and hold fast to your hope, while you patiently wait for God's plan to unfold.

As you're reading this week, take time to focus on faith one day and God's provision the next. What do you learn about each? Use the resources provided at the beginning of this study guide to dig deep.



