



...going deeper

a guide for your own study during the week

The Great Escape (Exodus 14:1-31)

to think about

Ever felt like you've finished something, only to discover that there's more to do? Now that is annoying, but when the thing that you are doing suddenly turns into fleeing for your life from an army of chariots and men on horseback ...and you are on foot with your nearest and dearest, some of who cannot run very fast ...

Pharaoh refused to let his Israelite slaves go, and his question 'Who is the Lord?' received a dramatic answer in the form of ten 'power encounters' [traditionally known as the 'Ten Plagues']. But even though Pharaoh did finally let them go, he changed his mind and decided he wanted them back.

Read Exodus 13:17-22

If you had been an Israelite following Moses at this time, do you think that you would have felt that God cared for you by the way he acted?

Read Exodus 14:1-31

There had already been a lot of different ways in which God's power was seen to be greater than the power of Pharaoh, who was one of the most powerful men of his day. Why did Pharaoh decide to send his army to bring back the Israelites? (1-5)

How does Moses respond to the fearful Israelites? (10-14)

What happened next? (15-28)

How did the people of Israel respond (29 - 31, you might also like to look at 15:1-21)

taking it further

Life is a journey, and at times it is easy. At times we are 'living in victory', trusting in God and all is well. But what do we do when something difficult comes up? Think about times like that in your life. What happened?

What do you take away from Exodus 14:1-31 about responding to difficulties which come up in life?