"From Bondage To Freedom"

Exodus 14:13-22

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A prostitute came to me in wretched straits, homeless, sick, unable to <u>buy food</u> for her two-year-old daughter. Through sobs and tears, she told me she had been <u>renting</u> out her daughter—two years old! —to men interested in <u>kinky sex</u>. She made more renting out her daughter for an <u>hour</u> than she could earn on her own in a night. She had to do it, she said, to support her own <u>drug habit</u>.

I could hardly bear hearing her sordid story. For one thing, it made me <u>legally liable</u>—I'm required to report cases of child abuse. I had no idea what to say to this woman. At last, I asked if she had ever thought of going to a <u>church</u> for help. I will never forget the look of pure, naïve shock that crossed her face. "<u>Church!</u>" she cried. "Why would I ever go there? I was already feeling terrible about myself. They'd just make me <u>feel worse</u>." Philip Yancey

I) Believe In The <u>Salvation</u> Of God: (13) And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

- A) "Fear Not" means we must rely on the <u>faith</u> we have.
- B) "Stand Still" means to stop trying to <u>fix our own</u> problem.

C) "See the salvation of God" means to <u>pay attention</u> to God's <u>supernatural work</u>.

II) Follow The Word Of God: (15)

And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

- A) "To go forward" means that salvation is not an <u>end in</u> itself.
- B) "To go forward" means that you cannot follow Jesus by being stationary.
- C) "To go forward" means that it is a fatal mistake to think that after we are saved we have arrived.

III) Experience The **Power Of God:** (21-22)

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

- A) "Going into the midst of the sea" means enter into a deeper life with Jesus. I Cor. 10:2-4
- B) "Going into the midst of the sea" means to <u>claim</u> your <u>freedom</u> and <u>celebrate</u> your <u>victory</u>.