



Be Still. God is at Work.

Devotion

In Exodus 14:1-14, we see the Sons of Israel cry out when they see the Egyptians. We see Moses' response: "Be still, the Lord will fight for you." When we endure, it starts with sitting with God and trusting in His promises – in this promise Moses gives.

Exodus 14:15-31 finishes the account of the Red Sea. We see God tell Moses to tell the Sons of Israel to keep moving. He tells Moses to raise his staff and stretch out his hand to divide the sea before them. Moses does this, and miraculously the seas part. The Sons of Israel cross over the dry land to safety. This might seem totally different than sitting with God. It looks like an action move where Moses and the Sons of Israel are doing the work!

But look closely. Verses 19-20 show us that the angel of God – seen in the pillar of cloud and fire – goes behind the Sons of Israel, separating them from the Egyptians. Verse 21 shows us that when Moses stretches out his hands God is the one who drives back the sea. Verses 24-25 and verse 27 shows us that God confuses the Egyptian army and that He sweeps them into the sea.

God is the one who does all the work for Moses and the Sons of Israel. The Sons of Israel sit back and let God work for them – all they have to do is walk through the sea that He parted.

When we endure, even when we by sitting and trusting in God, we are tempted to think that we are doing all the work. But God is the one fighting on our behalf. Yes, He does give us direction and instruction – things to do, means to endure with. But God is the one who provides what we need to endure for us.

Go back and read verse 30. Let it remind you that God, out of His generous love, fights for and saves you. Sit with Him. Trust in His promise that He will always fight for His people.

Prayer

Dear God, remind me when I face struggles, troubles, and adversity that You are always fighting for me. Help me slow down, take a deep breath, and sit in Your presence. Give me the strength to sit in and cling to Your promise to fight for Your people. In the name of Jesus, who endured all things for me, amen.