

## Communion Meditation – In the Wilderness

*Exodus 14.1-14*

*Faithless and Fearful*

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### Life in the Wilderness (Review)

- Three wildernesses of Moses' life
- The “lost generation” that perished in wilderness
- Today we join the Jews trapped against the Red Sea

### God's Plan vs. our Desire for Safety & Comfort

- Our story is told in 3 very different scenes
- **v1** God & Moses ~ God reveals His plan to Moses / Could Moses share it?
  - **v3** “Pharaoh will ..” / **v4** “I will ..”
  - God's voice could have boomed out to all people
  - But that isn't how God operates
- **v5** Pharaoh & army ~ all horses, chariots & his people
  - Two peoples are introduced here / **v5** “the people” & **v6** “his people”
  - “600 choice chariots” “all the chariots” “captains” “horsemen” “army”
  - War horses were a powerful means of intimidation throughout time
- **v10** Israelites & Moses ~ people afraid & angry / Moses confident in God
  - They'd traveled 2 weeks to get here ~ covering 250+ miles
  - “Can you imagine the chaos?” / They've not structured everyone yet
  - But as is often the case in the military ~ It's “Hurry up and wait...!”
  - They waited about a week for Pharaoh's army to catch them
  - “children of Israel lifted their eyes .. they were very afraid”
  - The Israelites lacked faith in God ~ had none in themselves as well

### Faithlessness and Fear vs. Faith and Confidence

- **v11-12** ~ The people complain against Moses because of their fear
- **v13-14** ~ But Moses responds in faith with confidence
- Moses knew God's plan and believed it would come to pass
- The people may / may not have known God's plan but didn't believe

**We all face challenges in life / They hit us when we do not expect them**  
**Challenges may test our faith directly / But they all must be met with faith**  
**We come to God for faith today .. Faith to triumph over fear and believe Him**