



THE ONE THING HOLDING YOU BACK

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As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. *Exodus 14:10*

Fear of pain

Fear of failure

Fear of loss

They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" *Exodus 14:11-12*

We're _____ responsible for what we _____ do.

We are 100% responsible for what we _____ do.

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." *Exodus 14:13-14*

And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea." *Exodus 14:15-16*

We're usually not waiting on God; he's waiting on us.

Our lack of courage also has a cost.

Courage: refusing to allow our emotions to paralyze us

A healthy culture balances grace and truth.

I've never heard someone say: "I had that conversation too soon."

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. *2 Timothy 1:7*

Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses. *Exodus 14:31*



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