



September 30, 2018

Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

O Lord, your chosen people had no choice but to trust you and you delivered them. Keep our eyes fixed on you when the waters rise and the troubles of our lives seem insurmountable, for you are our savior and guide. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." (Exodus 14:13-14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The enslaved Israelites made it out of Egypt under Moses' leadership. So far, so good. But now, the Egyptian army advances nearer. How long will faith in their leader endure? Perhaps the better question is, who is really in charge here?



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What is your community enslaved to? (technology, peer pressure, economy?) How might God deliver you and your community from enslavement to these things?

How does God show up in your life? Where has God been faithful, despite your own lack of faith?

For the littles: What is the hardest thing to wait for? God can give us patience.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you patience to wait. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Free yourself of one thing that entraps you this week. If you are a slave to your schedule, remove some events to make time for yourself and God. If you are a slave to your smartphone, turn it off for extended periods of time. What will you do with the freedom this practice offers?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Exodus 15:1-21, *Songs of Moses and Miriam*

Tuesday, Exodus 15:22-27, *Bitter Water Made Sweet*

Wednesday, Exodus 16:1-21, *Bread from Heaven*

Thursday, Exodus 17:1-7, *Water from the Rock*

Friday, Exodus 17:8-16, *Amalek Attacks Israel and Is Defeated*

Saturday, Exodus 18:13-27, *Jethro's Advice*