FAITHFUL AND TRUE

THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF LIFE

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What do we learn from the aftermath of the Red Sea miracle?

1. The highs of life are great times of teaching.

A. The LORD is a <u>warrior God</u> who <u>fights for us</u>.

"The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent."

Exodus 14:14

B. The LORD is a delivering God who destroys His enemies.

"Your right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. And in the greatness of Your excellence You overthrow those who rise up against You; You send forth Your burning anger, and it consumes them as chaff. Exodus 15:6-7

C. The LORD is the <u>only God</u> who is <u>holy</u> and <u>awesome</u>.

"Who is like Thee among the gods, O LORD? Who is like Thee, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?"

Exodus 15:11

D. The LORD is the <u>loving God</u> who <u>leads His redeemed</u>.

"In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation." Exodus 15:13

2. The lows of life are great times of testing.

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. And when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" Exodus 15:22-24

A. We will always face some <u>trials</u> and <u>bitter things</u> in life.

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

James 1:2-3

- B. We can face any trial with <u>faith in God</u> and His <u>track record</u>.
- 3. The highs and lows of life are to be experienced with Jesus.

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:1-3

A. He wants us to <u>factor in the cross</u> in every circumstance.

Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet. Exodus 15:25

B. He wants us to <u>listen to</u> Him and <u>obey</u> Him.

And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer." Exodus 15:26

C. He wants us to know that He doesn't always <u>heal</u> in the way we desire, but He is always our Healer.

In the good and the bad, will you choose to trust Him?