



# TRANSITIONS

*AS PHARAOH DREW NEAR, THE ISRAELITES LOOKED BACK, AND THERE WERE THE EGYPTIANS ADVANCING ON THEM. IN GREAT FEAR THE ISRAELITES CRIED OUT TO THE LORD. 11 THEY SAID TO MOSES, “WAS IT BECAUSE THERE WERE NO GRAVES IN EGYPT THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN US AWAY TO DIE IN THE WILDERNESS? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO US, BRINGING US OUT OF EGYPT? 12 IS THIS NOT THE VERY THING WE TOLD YOU IN EGYPT, ‘LET US ALONE SO THAT WE CAN SERVE THE EGYPTIANS’? FOR IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR US TO SERVE THE EGYPTIANS THAN TO DIE IN THE WILDERNESS.” 13 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. 14 THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU, AND YOU HAVE ONLY TO KEEP STILL.”*



## GETTING STARTED

Take a moment to connect with your group. If it is your first time meeting, get to know one another (this may take a few minutes, and that is just fine!). If you're a returning group, check in with how everyone has been since you last met.

How do you respond to change? Do you seek change out, avoid it, dread it, or embrace it?

When have you experienced a transition that was forced? How did the fact that the change was not your choice impact your response to it?



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## **SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- *WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING?*
- *TO SUCCESSFULLY GO THROUGH A TRANSITION, YOU HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SOMETHING HAS ENDED. WHY CAN THIS BE HARD TO DO?*
- *WHY DO YOU THINK THE ISRAELITES TURNED ON MOSES IN THEIR MOMENT OF CRISIS? WHAT DOES THAT ILLUSTRATE ABOUT OUR OWN REACTIONS TO CHANGE AND CHALLENGE?*
- *WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD IN TIMES OF TRANSITION OR ENDINGS?*
- *HOW DO YOU FIND HOPE IN THE MIDDLE OF HARD CHANGE?*



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