

Following God ... to a Dead End

Exodus 14

☐ God often places us in situations where we have to rely on him (1-14)

- God led Israel into a cul-de-sac in order to demonstrate his glory (1-4)
- Israel's enemies appeared to gain the upper hand (5-9)
- Rather than rely on God, Israel reacted in fear (10-12)
- God wanted Israel to depend on him (13-14)

☐ When we trust God, he fights our battles for us (15-29)

- God instructed Israel to go forward (15-18)
- God stood between Israel and her enemies (19-20)
- God opened a path for Israel through the Red Sea (21-22, 29)
- God destroyed the Egyptian army completely (23-28)

☐ Seeing God at work should cause us to trust him and to worship him (30-31)

☐ Lessons from the cul-de-sac

- It often takes dead ends to break lifetime habits
- When you have nowhere else to turn, trust God
- If God is to get the glory, he must fight the battle
- Red Seas open and close according to God's timing, not ours

God displays his glory so that we might know him better