

Following God . . . to a Dead End

Exodus 14

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

- God led Israel into a cul-de-sac (1-4)
- Israel's enemies appeared to gain the upper hand (5-9)
- Israel reacted in fear (10-14)

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 Israel's enemies (23-28)

Seeing God at work should cause us to trust him more (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 in God
- If God is to get the glory, he must do the fighting
- Red Seas open and close according to God's plan, not ours

God displays his glory so that we might know him better