



## Life Group Study Notes

### "Stand: Called out on the Path"

Pastor James Lowe – September 16, 2018

#### Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What kinds of challenges are you facing in your life right now?
- What kind of obstacles do you have to overcome to reach your goals?

#### Word (10-15 minutes)

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**Exodus 14:1** “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, ‘They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.’<sup>4</sup> And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.”

God had delivered the house of Israel and his sons from famine through his youngest son Joseph who had become the right hand man of the Pharaoh in Egypt. Afterwards the new Pharaoh became afraid of the people of Israel because they were becoming more numerous than the Egyptians so he began to oppress and enslave them. God had a covenant with the Israelites and heard their cries, and raised up Moses as a deliverer for them. After Moses came to Egypt and began to pronounce the word of the Lord to Pharaoh and began to deliver the nation of Israel from their oppressors, the ten plagues came upon Egypt. Pharaoh finally relented after the final plague the death of the first born came upon him. God commanded the Israelites to go by the way of the Red Sea. Even after the ten plagues Pharaoh decided to not let the Israelites go, and pursued them.

This is a lot like what deliverance looks like in our own life. Sometimes the breakthrough that God has for us looks like defeat. We have no power to deliver ourselves. The armies of Egypt were far more powerful than the nation of Israel, and they had no weapons to fight against the chariots of Pharaoh. Only God had the ability to save them. God commanded them just to stand, and see the deliverance of the Lord. God will set us on a path that doesn't always make sense, but it is God's plan to deliver us from oppression. As Moses parted the Red Sea and

Pharaoh began to chase, we see that the enemy thought he would overtake the Israelites, but instead they drowned in the sea.

Today if you find yourself in a difficult situation where it feels like your back is against the wall, rejoice! God encourages you, when you've done all that you can, stand and see the Lord's deliverance over your life.

**“When you have done all you can, just stand”**

**-James Lowe-**

**Discussion (10-15 minutes)**

**Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.**

- What are some areas in your life that you are believing God for a breakthrough?
- What are some of the words and promises that God has given you?

**Prayer (10-15 minutes)**

**Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.**

- Pray for and receive the deliverance of God in your life.
- Give thanks for God's goodness and the promise of victory over sins, past hurts, and present challenges in your life.