



SMALL GROUP LESSON  
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## **DANGEROUS JOURNEY**

EXODUS 14:10-14

When a person becomes a Christian, that individual begins a journey of faith that will ultimately end as he or she steps into the presence of God. However, just like the children of Israel who were confronted by Pharaoh and his army at the Red Sea, there will be challenges along the way. With that in mind, let's take a look at these questions.

1. Like the children of Israel who saw the approaching army of Pharaoh and were frightened to death, have there ever been times in your journey of faith when you faced a challenge or an adversary that truly frightened you?
2. What did this challenge or adversary look like? Was it another person, a set of difficult circumstances that you were not expecting, a divisive issue at church, the betrayal of a friend, a problem within your family, or perhaps something that almost seemed to be supernatural in nature?
3. The Israelites faced a real and present danger, one that could not only defeat them but also enslave them once again. What kind of dangers do Christians face in today's world, and are they always obvious or can they sometimes be hidden and subversive? Take a look at these passages of Scripture—Matthew 5:1-12, Acts 20:28-29, Ephesians 6:12, and 1 Timothy 3:1-5—and see if you can identify some of them.
4. What resources do we possess when we face the various dangers and difficulties that will come our way during our journey of faith? Upon whom can we rely? Be sure to read and think about what the Bible says in 1 John 4:4.

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

Read the account which describes how God rescued His people from Pharaoh's army in Exodus 14:15-31. You may be surprised by what you find. It's a little different from the way it is frequently portrayed in the movies. And speaking of movies, just for fun, see if you can figure out the answer to this question. When Cecil B. DeMille made his famous movie, "The Ten Commandments," how did he create the wall of water that fell on the Egyptians? Remember, this movie was made long before all of the computerized graphics that are utilized today.