

I TRO GÅR VI GENNEM HAVET!

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2 Mosebog 14,7.10-14:

⁷ Farao tog seks hundrede stridsvogne og alle andre vogne i Egypten med vognkæmpere på dem alle sammen.

¹⁰ Farao kom nærmere, og da israelitterne fik øje på egypterne og så, at de var på vej efter dem, blev de meget bange og råbte til Herren. ¹¹ De sagde til Moses: «Var der ingen grave i Egypten, siden du har ført os ud for at dø i ørkenen? Hvad er det, du har gjort imod os ved at føre os ud af Egypten?» ¹² Sagde vi ikke til dig i Egypten: Lad os være, lad os trække for egypterne! Vi vil hellere trække for egypterne end dø i ørkenen.» ¹³ Men Moses sagde til folket: «I skal ikke være bange! Stil jer op og se, hvordan Herren frelser jer i dag. For sådan som I ser egypterne i dag, skal I aldrig mere få dem at se. ¹⁴ Herren vil føre krig for jer, og I kan tie stille!»

1.

Deres situation males for os. Vi ser det.

- De fik øje på egypterne: 600 stridsvogne.
- Bange og råbte til Herren.
- Sagde til Moes: - Hvad har du gjort imod os ved at føre os ud af Egypten?
- Vi vil hellere være trælle end dø i ørkenen.

Det så håbløst ud.

2.

Det kan også se håbløst ud at være kristen.

Hvorfor? Fordi det ikke går. Det går bare ikke. De andre overtager os. Og der er ingen udvej. Kulturen, verdsligheden, andre religioner, nydelsen i verden, velfærds-religionen ... mammon ... det selviske begær i mig selv ... vantroen ... at jeg er så dårlig til at høre ...

Er det alligevel ikke bedre at leve i verden ligesom dem, der ikke tror og dyrker andre guder?

3.

Men de gør to ting:

Det ene: De råber til Herren. Det er så godt. Det er, hvad vi kan gøre. Og skal gøre.

Det andet: Skælder ud på ham, som prædikede for dem og gik foran dem. Det går jo ikke, Moses.

Og hvad kan Moses nu udrette! Ingenting. Han må jo give dem ret. Det ser umuligt ud. Alle miraklerne i Egypten betyder intet mere. Lammets blod, som reddede dem, betyder intet. Alt er tabt.

Sådan kan det også være iblandt kristne. Ser på det, vi kalder "virkeligheden" – og gør hinanden modløse.



BY FAITH WE WALK THROUGH THE SEA!

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Exod. 14:7 and 10-14

Pharaoh took "six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ...

¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel "cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They "said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this what "we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³ And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For ^bthe Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ "The LORD will fight for you, and you have only ^bto be silent."

1.

Their situation is painted for us. We see it.

- They spotted the Egyptians: 600 war-chariots + thousand other wagons.
- Afraid and crying out to the Lord.
- Said to Moes, "What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?"
- We would rather be slaves than die in the desert.

It looked hopeless.

2.

It can also seem hopeless to be a Christian.

Why? Because it is not possible. It just doesn't work. The others take are too many. They will overtake us. And there is no way out. Culture, secularity, other religions, the enjoyment of the world, the "welfare religion" ... Mammon... the selfish desire in myself ... the unbelief ... that I'm so bad at hearing ...

Isn't it better to live in the world like those who don't believe and worship other gods?

3.

But they do two things:

One: They cry out to the Lord. It's so good. That is what we can do. And must do.

The second: Scolding the one who preached to them and went before them. It doesn't work Moses. You have failed!

And what can Moses do now! Nothing. He must agree with them. It looks impossible. All the miracles in Egypt mean nothing anymore. The blood of the lamb that saved them means nothing today. All is lost.

This can also be the case among Christians. Look at what we call "reality" – and discourage each other.



4.

Hvad har Moses at holde sig til? Kaldet ved tornebusken. *"Jeg har set mit folks lidelse og er steget ned for at udfri dem! Gå til Farao og sig det!"*

Og han kunne se skystøtten og ildsøjlen. Han fortæller, hvad han så: ***Guds engel, som gik foran Israels hær, rykkede nu om bag dem, og skysojlen foran dem rykkede om bag dem, så den kom til at stå mellem egypternes hær og israelitternes hær. Skyen kom med mørke, men oplyste natten. Hele natten kom de ikke nær til hinanden.***

Og nu sagde Gud til ham, hvad han skulle: *"Sig til israelitterne, at de skal bryde op. **Du skal løfte din stav og række hånden ud over havet og kløve det, så israelitterne kan gå tørskoet gennem havet.**"*

Måske Moses kunne indvende: Men de tror jo ikke mere! De er blevet dine og mine fjender. Men Gud ville frelse dem uanset deres fjendskab og vrede.

Her sker det, som fortælles om i Romerbrevet 5 vers 6 og 8: *For mens vi endnu var svage, døde Kristus for ugudelige, da tiden var inde. ... For mens vi endnu var hans fjender, blev vi forliget med Gud, ved at hans søn døde; så skal vi så meget mere, når vi er forliget med Gud, frelses, ved at han lever.*

5.

Gud har en plan. Og den fortalte han Moses om. Ikke i detaljer, men han kendte resultatet. Frelsen. At de ville komme frem til Landet, Kanaan. Men hvordan? Det vidste han ikke. Han havde bare et tegn, Skystøtten og Ildsøjlen. Herrens nærvær. Ikke andet. Jo, også de ord Herren gav ham. Og han ham disse ord til israelitterne.

Gud har en plan for sin kirke på jorden. Vi har tegnene fra Gud: De hellige Sakramenter, Dåben, Nadveren og Tilgivelsen. Og vi ser Jesus i Evangeliet, hans død og opstandelse for os. Og at han både er ved Faderens højre hånd og er i sin kirke hos os, fordi Faderen jo holder os i sin hånd.

Derfor går vi gennem havet.

Så er havet mange forskellige ting for os: Det kan være sygdom, det kan være tab af venskab, det kan være smerte over noget, der ikke kan heles, det kan være dine synder, det kan være døden, det kan være arbejdsløshed, det kan være være din eller andres lidelse. Havet. Men Gud skaber vej gennem havet! Det er hans gerning. Og derfor tør vi gå.

Lejrsang nr. 42:

*4. Da vi var fortabte, vor Gud vidste råd:
hans Søn kom iblandt os, oplede og fandt os,
brød døden, som bandt os. – Ja, Gud vidste råd.*

*5. Så gå, hvor han kalder, og spar dig din gråd!
Hvor havet nu syder, blir vej, når han byder*,
og lovsangen lyder: vor Herre ved råd.*

4.

What does Moses have to cling to? The call by the thorn bush. *"I have seen the suffering of my people and have descended to deliver them! Go to Pharaoh and tell it."*

And he could see the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire. He tells us what he saw: ***The angel of God, who was going ahead of the army of Israel, now moved behind them, and the pillar of cloud before them moved behind them, so that it came to stand between the army of the Egyptians and the army of the Israelites. The cloud came with darkness but illuminated the night. All night they did not come close to each other.***

And now God told him what he had to do: "Tell the Israelites to break up. ***You must lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and cleave it, so that the Israelites can walk dry-footed through the sea.***"

Perhaps Moses could object: But they believe no more! They have become your and my enemies. But God would save them anyway!

Here happens what is told about in Romans 5 verses 6 and 8: *For while we were still weak, Christ died for the wicked in due time. ... For while we were yet his enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son; then we shall be so much more, when we are reconciled to God, saved by His life.*

5.

God has a plan. And he told Moses about it. Not in detail, but he knew the result. Salvation. That they would come to the land of Canaan. But how? He didn't know. He had just one sign, the Cloud Pillar and the Pillar of Fire. The presence of the Lord. Nothing else. Yes, also the words the Lord gave him. And he gave him these words to the Israelites.

God has a plan for His Church on earth. We have the signs from God: the Holy Sacraments, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Forgiveness. And we see Jesus in the Gospel, His death and resurrection for us. And that He is both at the right hand of the Father and is in His Church with us, because the Father holds us in His hand.

That's why we walk through the sea.

Then the sea is many different things to us: It can be illness, it can be loss of friendship, it can be pain over something that cannot be healed, it can be your sins, it can be death, it can be unemployment, it can be your or someone else's suffering. Sea. But God creates the way through the sea! That is his work. And that's why we dare to go.

Camp Hymn no. 42:

*4. When we were lost, / our God knew counsel:
his Son came among us, / searched for us and found us,
broke death, which bound us. / "Yes, God knew advice.*

*5. So go where he calls / and save yourself your crying!
Where the sea seethes, / there is a way when he commands,
and the praise is heard: / our Lord has a plan / council*