

## NLW Redeemed – Discussion Questions Red Sea Rules Chapters 1 & 2

Rule #1 Realize that God means for you to be where you are

1. How humans have defined worry:
  - a. Praying to yourself
  - b. Showing God that you don't trust Him
  - c. A small trickle of fear that meanders thru the mind cutting a channel into which all other thoughts flow
  - d. Putting question marks where God has put periods
  - e. A form of atheism for it betrays a lack of faith and trust in God

What does God want us to convert our worries to?

2. The secret of a Christian life: when you are in a difficult place realize that the Lord either placed you there or allowed you to be there for reasons perhaps known for now only to Him. BUT the same God who led you in will lead you out.
  - a. How does that change your perspective?

3. Read Psalm 37:23-24. Restate it in your own words

4. What if you have landed in a tough spot because of something you know you did? Does this rule still apply? And why?

Rule #2 Be more concerned for God's glory than for your relief

1. You need a new perspective over your situation – not how you can fix it or how you can get out of it, but rather view your problem as an occasion for God to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Psalm 115:1. What do you think our first step is when we face a problem?
3. The lord doesn't always deliver us from our problems in the way we want Him to. He does it His way, but in the long run His way is always best and it always leads to worship. How have you seen this in your life?

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### Rule #3 Acknowledge your enemy but keep your eyes on the Lord

1. The Bible compares Satan to 5 animals:
  - a. A serpent to deceive
  - b. A bird to ruin a harvest
  - c. A wolf to attack
  - d. A lion to devour
  - e. A dragon to destroy

Have you ever felt pursued like this? Or oppressed? Or like something or some force was just nipping at your heels? what was going on?

2. How does God want us to respond? (pg 34)

In all of Paul's letters, he mentions Jesus 219 times, the Lord 272 times, Christ 389 times, and Satan only 10 times.

We can acknowledge Satan exists, but it is to our Lord that we spend our time.

### Rule #4 Pray!

1. The kind of prayer at the Red Sea was the kind of urgency, panicked, heart-racing, trembling, troubling, heart felt, distressed, in the midst of the storm prayer. And when we are in the midst of the storm we are to pray. Has there been a time when you have felt it was okay to be fervent, and could plead with God in your prayers? Does God ask us to do this? Is God okay with this? Are you comfortable with this?
2. There is power in praying with others. Pray believing that God will answer. Have faith that God listens. When you are praying, what are you believing about God and what are you believing will happen?
3. How important is prayer to your journey?

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**Rule # 5 stay calm and confident, and give time for God to work.**

1. If you're in a difficult place right now, perhaps you need to \_\_\_\_\_ and leave it in his hands. (page 51)
  - a. Which of these two sentences is true when we do as God asks us to :
    1. Rule #5 is consistent with our proactive and assertive values
    2. Rule #5 is acting in prayer and trusting in Him and waiting
    3. We gain nothing by our restless and anxious efforts. It is wiser to stand still and wait upon the Lord. Have you been in a situation where you did not stand still but worry and emotional stress get the better of you? What was happening around you? How were you feeling? How did it turn out? Did you turn to the Lord?

**Rule # 6 when unsure just take the next logical step by faith.**

1. When you don't know what to do next, cast out fear and seek light for the next step, trust God for guidance in small increments and if you can't see what lies dimly in the distance, do what lies clearly at hand.
  - a. Do you have an example of an overwhelming incident in your life when you finally prayed and trusted God, you realized that you couldn't tackle the 'whole thing' but had to go just the very next thing that day and then wake up the next day and tackle one thing that day, and so on and so on?
2. "Following God's will isn't a matter of unveiling but unfolding" (page68) what does that mean? What does that mean as we take the next logical step of faith? What does that mean as we trust by faith and walk with God? What does the journey look and feel like? Is it all laid out as a blue print with all the intersections and pitfalls and landmines clearly marked? Are we given crash helmets and parachutes and padded suits? Describe what your journey is like.

A, As the Hebrews walked through the Red Sea, what did they see ahead of them? Was the path dry and open, wide and easy to walk as far as the eye could see to the end of the sea? And what did they see behind them? What does this tell us of our oath?

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### Rule # 7 Envision God's enveloping presence

1. Who is the Angel of God that accompanied Israel in Exodus 14 and went before them by in a pillar of cloud and by night in a pillar of fire? And ushered them through the Red Sea? And came between them, between the Egyptians and Israel, protecting them?
2. He gives us His presence in the midst of our trials! How can you master his nearness in hour heart? (page 74) there are a few ways;
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.

### Rule # 8 Trust God to deliver in His own unique way

1. Throughout the Bible God helped His people in ordinary providential ways rather than in overtly supernatural ones. The same is true today. Can you recall some ways in which you know it was the hand of God and how He delivered you in His own unique way? A divine appointment. His unseen hand in guiding, guarding, arranging, and rearranging circumstances.

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### Rule # 9 View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future

1. We don't always know why God allows problems, but we know He intends to use them to heighten our maturity and deepen our faith. Our author, Robert Morgan, quotes an acronym FROG to explain faith (page 97) **Fully Rely On God**. In your own words, how do you describe your faith on God, especially as you walk through trials and problems?
2. How did these people define and walk in faith?
  - a. The Virgin Mary (pg 97)
  - b. Abraham
  - c. Paul
  - d. Sarah
3. Faith is a growing entity. God intends to develop us spiritually. **2 Chronicles 20: Do not be afraid nor dismayed...for the battle is not yours, but God's**. Faith is simply finding and claiming the promises of God in every situation and knowing that God has the power to do what He has promised.
  - a. Has there been a time that you relied on your faith and walked through the trial and saw God deliver on His promise?

Are you stranded at the Red Sea just now?  
Trust Him  
The Lord loves to respond to faith

### Rule # 10 Don't forget to praise Him

1. How can you incorporate praising our God into your daily life? And why should you want to do this?

Some thoughts I have on how I praise God:

- I give thanks in everything. Even when it is painful and I'm hurting, especially, when I'm hurting ----- It doesn't makes any sense
  - It keeps me aware of God. Living in His presence
  - Keep me looking for Gods purpose. A sense of strength takes hold  
Not my human reason.
  - When I find His purpose I can express gratitude even more
  - Giving thanks to God helps me to be more submissive to Him. And more yielded to His will  
Even when I don't feel it
  - Creates a dependence on Him. Focus on Him. Builds my faith
  - God begins to creates a sense of gratitude and joy in me
  - I have seen my circumstances and my attitude change in my heart. Supernaturally!!!
  - Gives impact to my witness, During a hard time I have a smile and am glad that God is blessing me. Focuses me on the blessings God gives me.
  - When I praise Him, I find myself energized. Does not exhaust or drain me. I DO NOT focus on the bad stuff.
  - How do I do it? The Holy Spirit. He knows I can't do this in my own my flesh. But with the Holy Spirit I can.
2. The number one thing you do when your praise God in your trial is that you no longer focus on the long list of complaints and troubles. Instead you focus on God and all that He has promised you. That is the power of a proper perspective. Read Colossians 3:1-3. How does a proper perspective give you the desire to want to praise God and how does this affect your attitude?