

Questions for Chapters 1-2

Red Sea Rule #1: *Realize that God means for you to where you are.*

1. *Red Seas come in all shapes and sizes.* What's the Red Sea you're focusing on for this journey?
2. Why is life so hard? Why do problems persist? Why do we encounter these Red Seas?
3. *Be honest*-how have you initially reacting to your own Red Sea experience, whatever it is?
4. How can embracing Rule #1 affect your response.

Red Sea Rule #2: *Be more concerned for God's glory than your relief.*

1. *According to Exodus 14:3-4,* why did God lead His people to the edge of the sea?
2. Can you think of other biblical heroes or people you currently know who faced great problems in the past that later turned out for their good and for God's glory?
3. Have you encountered past heartaches, which, in time, resulted in your good and God's glory?
4. Why not compose a simple prayer right now to reflect a changed perspective on the way you're viewing your present dilemma?

Questions for Chapters 3-4

Red Sea Rule #3: *Acknowledge your enemy, but keep your eyes on Lord.*

1. What common characteristics are shared by both the Pharaoh of the Exodus and the devil?
2. *According to John 10:10, Ephesians 4:27 and 1 Peter 5:8, what does Satan aim to do?*
3. What are you thinking and feeling when you consider the fact you may be under enemy attack?
4. *Hebrews 12:2 tells us to look to Jesus during times of difficulty. What are some practical ways of doing that during your present set of circumstance?*

Red Sea Rule# 4: *Pray*

1. Can you think of a time when you cried out to the Lord in a moment of desperation or need? *Jot down your recollection of the occasion.*
2. *The same words found in Exodus 14:10 (the Israelites saw , were afraid, and cried out) are also used of Peter's attempt to walk on the Sea of Galilee in Matthew 14:30. How can prayer help us transition from panic to peace, and from peace to praise ?*
3. Does God welcome crisis-time praying ? Base your answer on 1 Peter 5: 6-7?
4. Think of and jot down one or two practical ways in which you can implement a stronger set of prayer habits during this period in your life.

Questions for Chapters 5-6

Red Sea Rule #5: *Stay calm and confident, and give God extra time to work.*

1. Has our personal Red Sea produced a panic-prone reaction from you? Please describe.
2. What instructions did Moses give the people of God in Exodus 14:13?
3. *Rewrite the verse in a personal way, as though you were listening to God say those words just to you.*
4. What do you think it means to 'stand firm' (verse 13)? How can you improve your ability to do that in your current situation?

Red Sea Rule #6: *When unsure, just take the next logical step by faith.*

1. *In Rule #5 we studied the concept of standing still and waiting on the Lord. Rule # 6 tells us to move on by taking the next step. Do you see a contradiction? Why or why not?*
2. How far in advance does God usually reveal His will for our lives? *Base your answer on verses like Luke 11:3 and 2 Corinthians 4:16.*
3. What does Proverb 3:5-6 teach about faith and God's will?
4. Can you think of the next logical step you should take in a situation you're facing? If so, jot it down along with a schedule for implementing it.

Questions for Chapters 7-8

Red Sea Rule #7: *Envision God's enveloping presence*

1. *Based on Isaiah 57:15, where does God live?*
2. *According to passages like Psalm 73:28 and Isaiah 41:10, what benefit comes from knowing God is near?*
3. *If you knew Jesus was literally standing beside you right now, how would you feel differently about your current Red Sea problem?*
4. *What are some helpful ways in which you can 'practice the presence' of God?*

Red Sea Rule #8: *Trust God to deliver in His own unique way.*

1. *Summarize what God is teaching you about deliverance and rescue in Psalm 34:10, Psalm 50:12 and 2 Timothy 4:18.*
2. *Rule #8 suggest God delivers us in miraculous ways, providential ways, or mysterious ways. How would you very simply explain the difference between these three divine approaches.*
3. *When God doesn't do things as we would prefer, how should we feel about it, based on Isaiah 55: 8-9?*
4. *Draft one sentence as a mini-sermon to yourself based on Red Sea # 8.*

Questions for Chapters 9-10

Red Sea Rule # 9: *View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future.*

1. *Exodus 14:31 says the Israelites feared the Lord and put their trust in Him.* What does it mean to fear the Lord, and what do you think is the relationship between fear and faith?
2. *Based on 2 Corinthians 1:8-9,* what's one of the reasons God allows trials in our lives?
3. What are you learning about God—who is the object of your faith—as you study Exodus 14, read *The Red Sea Rules*, and think through your own situation?
4. What steps can you take today to strengthen your faith in light of Red Sea Rule #9?

Red Sea Rule #10: *Don't forget to praise Him.*

1. *If you read carefully, you'll discover the people in Exodus 15 praised God both for who He is and what He did. From the first several verses of the chapter, jot down some ways the worshippers described the person of God.*
2. What can you learn about praising the Lord by seeing how the Israelites praised Him?
3. Right now, pause and record one possible reason you should be praising God in the midst of your journey through the Red Sea.
4. What steps in your daily routine will help you make praise an ongoing habit in your life?