



God Parts the Red Sea

Exodus 13:17-22, 14:1-31

"Ahoy, dude!" Cody greeted his brother Brodie on the bow of the Caribbean Queen. Cody and Brodie were Captain Billy's nephews visiting from California where they were surfers. Captain Billy let them stay on board for a few weeks to earn some extra money for college.

"Ahoy, dude!" Brodie high-fived with his brother and then leaned against the rail and looked out over the waves. "These pirate clothes are awesome and I love being surrounded by God's beautiful ocean!"

Cody also leaned against the rail and nodded. "Yo dude, speaking of God's creation did you know that God could speak to us through nature!"

"No way, dude!" Brodie exclaimed. "What, like talking penguins and junk?"

"No dude, not through animals, through God's very creation! Like miracle feats of nature." Cody explained.

Brodie looked at Cody. "I know not of what you speak yet you have piqued my curiosity. Speak on, dear brother!" he finished with a wave of his hand.

Cody had walked over to the treasure chest and removed Captain Billy's Bible from under the heavy wood and brass lid. "Dude, it's all right here in the Word of God!" he said as he held up the black leather book.

"Awesome, Bro!" Brodie said.

"Rock on!" Cody said as he searched for Exodus 13 and 14. "Here it is, dude. It's all about when Moses led God's people to the Rad Sea!"

"Dude," Brodie stopped his brother. "That says Red Sea," he pointed out.

**Cody looked at the passage again. "Oh, right. But still it was pretty rad!
'Cause you remember when Moses was all like, 'Yo dude, let my people go!'"**
"Yeah, and Pharaoh was all like, 'No way, dude!"

Then God sent all those bogus plagues." Brodie added.

"Yeah and then finally Pharaoh let God's people go! God Himself led His people through the desert." Cody continued reading, "By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night."

"So God was using nature stuff like clouds and fire to guide and protect His people." Brodie said thoughtfully. "Awesome! They could actually see that knew God was with them! So, what happened next, man?"

"Okay, so Moses and God's people were camping by the Red Sea, but then Pharaoh changed his mind and started chasing them with an army of over 600 chariots!" Cody said.

"So they pulled out their boogie boards and body surfed across! Awesome!" Brodie pretended he was on his own board, paddling to catch a wave.

Cody looked really serious. "No dude, they were trapped and they were like, totally freakin' out!"

Brodie stopped pretending to paddle. "So, they were all like, 'Yo Moses, what up? You led us here and now were gonna like, die and stuff!'"

"Exactly! Then Moses answered the people." Cody read Moses' words; "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

"Woah!" Brodie said as he stood perfectly still in his best surfing pose.

Cody gave him a funny look. "Dude, are you okay?" he asked.

"Yeah dude, you said be still." Brodie answered, trying his best to stay balanced in his pose on the rocking ship.

Cody shook his head. "No bro, that was God talking to His people."

Brodie grinned and plopped down cross-legged on the deck. "Oh! Righteous!"

"God was telling them to mellow out and trust in Him. Then God moved the pillar of cloud behind them so the Egyptians couldn't reach them." Cody explained. "And all night long God made it dark on the Egyptian side and light on the side where His people were."

"There goes God using nature to protect his peeps again! But the dudes are still trapped against the Red Sea! How are they gonna escape?" Brodie asked.

"Chill out, man! God's got it covered." Cody said. "Moses stretched out his hand and God pushed back the water and parted the Red Sea!"

"Dude! That's awesome! Then Moses rode the curl and shredded his way across the Red Sea!" Brodie hopped to his feet and demonstrated another of his best surfing moves.

"No man." Cody corrected. "Moses and the people just walked across on dry land."

Brodie froze. "You mean they just walked through the middle with like a wall of water on each side?!"

"I kid you not." Cody said seriously.

"A wall of water, full of whales and sharks and crabs and Sponge Bob?" Brodie asked further.

"Probably not Sponge Bob." Cody said.

Still dude, that's radical! God made a way where there was no way.

Cody high-fived his brother. "Amen, dude! There was nothing the people could do to save themselves. Only God could part the sea. He was the only one that could save them – and He made a way!"

"Whoah," Brodie paused to think. "That sounds like what Jesus did.

"Awesome point my dear brother," Cody smiled. "And Jesus made a way for not only the Israelites but for all who believe in Him to be saved for a life close with God."

"Jesus is totally righteous!" Brodie shook his head in amazement, and then turned to Cody. "Alright dude, let's go see what Uncle Billy has for us to do aboard this most excellent Caribbean Queen. Maybe I can steer her through the ragin' sea!" Brodie said.

"Right on, Bro!" Cody agreed and he took off running down the deck, with Brodie chasing close behind, looking for Captain Billy.