

HOLD YOUR PEACE, PLEASE

EXODUS 14:1-14

COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP IS CANDID FOLLOWERSHIP!

- Intro:
1. Play “Simon Says” game with Chris & blindfolded youth.
 2. Ahh, trust can get you places you didn’t think you could go.
 3. Now, your next in God’s leadership game, and Exodus 14 illustrates why it’s best to follow God’s leader.

Prop: **You must Follow God’s Leader!**

I. Bec. God Oversees His Leadership (14:1-4).

1. v.4, “honoured” = make heavy or weighty
v.4, “LORD” = Jehovah = self-existent; eternal one
2. The vision of godly leadership will always exceed the view of those following God’s appointed leader.
3. Have Individuals read from each pew until they come to a comma in the following verses: 14:1;13:1;12:1;thru...6:1
Pastors guide & protect: Jer.17:16; Acts 20:1,28; Titus 1:5-11
4. In business, there are few directors and managers and many who carry out the details of the vision cast from the Chief Executive’s Office.
5. Dear co-laborers in Christ, will you apply the truths and directives passed from God’s Word, through His leader to your life today? Acknowledge the possibilities of letting God lead you beyond self limits through His leaders?

II. Bec. The World Presents Formidable Opposition (14:5-9).

1. v.8, “high hand”=God’s help (see Acts 13:17); also rebellion against the set rule of order (see Num.33:3 “presumptuously”)
v.7, large military force of men and equipment
2. If this evil world fronts such a whelming force, then the power of God must be well respected.
3. Eph.6:12; 1stPet.5:8—a strong, powerful force is at work
4. Song title: “Without Him I Could Do Nothing; Without Him I’d surely fail.” An apt description of the power of the world system over mere human strength of will.
5. Folks, will you check for self-developed strengths and replace them with God’s coat of armour which is able to hold-fast against the onslaught of this world?

III. Bec. Believers Pout in Fear (14:10-14).

1. v.12, “tell” = to arrange in speech—“I told you so...”
v.13, “salvation”=yeshooaw=deliverance (Jesus)
v.14, “hold your peace” = scratch;engrave;plough...be silent and let alone
2. Fears are the source of frowns in the church.
3. Fear of the unknown/un-experienced(new) draws skepticism (v.11).
Fear of the overwhelming (big-vision) brings withdrawal (Num.13:31-33; 2ndTim.4:16).
Fear of negative possibilities is earmarked with pessimism (Isa.51:12-13).
Fear of personal humiliation results in bitter resistance (Gal.6:12).
4. In court, we want to help the lawyer, wonder why he’s doing (or not doing) somethings, but our course is to sit still and let him do what he’s best at doing—delivering the client!
5. Dear friend, will you repent of your pouting in fear today and claim love as your theme? 1stJohn 4:18, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

Conc: Repeatpropositionandmaindivisions.

Invit. Hymn: _____ (#_____)