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For Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
"Egypt"

## **Psalm 136:1-15** – NIV

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods.  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords:  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>4</sup> to him who alone does great wonders,  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>5</sup> who by his understanding made the heavens,  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>6</sup> who spread out the earth upon the waters,  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>7</sup> who made the great lights—  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>8</sup> the sun to govern the day,  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to govern the night;  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>10</sup> to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>11</sup> and brought Israel out from among them  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>12</sup> with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>13</sup> to him who divided the Red Sea asunder  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>14</sup> and brought Israel through the midst of it,  
His love endures forever.  
<sup>15</sup> but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;  
His love endures forever.

## **Exodus 14:5-18** – NIV

<sup>5</sup> When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" <sup>6</sup> So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. <sup>7</sup> He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup> The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. <sup>9</sup> The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the

Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

<sup>10</sup> As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

<sup>13</sup> Moses answered the people, "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. <sup>14</sup> The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. <sup>16</sup> Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

### **Exodus 1:15-21** – NIV

<sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, <sup>16</sup> "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." <sup>17</sup> The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

<sup>19</sup> The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."

<sup>20</sup> So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

**Takeaway:** The remnant are brave — not because they feel no fear, but because they stay faithful in the face of it.

### **Questions:**

1. What does Moses mean when he says, "Do not be afraid... the Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still"?
2. What does the midwives' courage (Exodus 1:15-21) teach us about small, faithful acts that shape the future?
3. Where do you see our church standing "at the edge of the sea" right now?
4. What does "standing still" look like for you right now?

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