

FEAR TO FAITH
Exodus 14: 1-16

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I. WHAT DOES FEAR DO TO US?

1. **It makes us skeptical**
"Did you bring us out here in the desert to die?" Exodus 14: 11 (GN)
2. **It makes us selfish**
"Look what you've done to us!" Exodus 14:11 b (GN)
3. **It makes us stubborn**
"Didn't we tell you before we left that this would happen? We told you to leave us alone..."
Exodus 14: 12
(GN)
4. **It makes us shortsighted**
"It would be better to be slaves [in Egypt] than to die here in the desert."
Exodus 14: 12b
(GN)

II. HOW TO TAKE RISKS BY FAITH? 5 Principles

1. **Information: Get the facts**
"Every prudent man acts out of knowledge" Proverbs 13: 16
"Get the facts at any price!" Proverbs 23: 23 (LB)
2. **Evaluation: Count the cost**
"Don't begin until you count the cost. Who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates...? Or what king would dream of going to war without first sitting down with his counselors...?" Luke 14: 28, 31 (LB)
"It is a trap ... to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows." Proverbs 20: 25
3. **Preparation: Plan your steps**
"A prudent man gives thought to his steps." Proverbs 14: 15

"We should make plans, counting on God to direct us."

Proverbs 16: 9 (LB)

4. Declaration: Announce your goal

"What you should say is this, 'If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that.'"

James 4: 15 (GN)

5. Initiation: Let go and launch out

"When I am afraid, I will put my confidence in God. Yes, I will trust the promises of God."

Psalms 56: 3 (GN)

"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Quit praying and get the people moving! Forward march!'"

Exodus 14: 15 (LB)

What should you quit praying about and start doing?