

Get Off The Wheel Part 5

**“Acknowledge Your Enemy,
But Keep Your Eyes on the
Lord”**

Exodus 14:5-14

Our everyday lives are shaped and marked by two things:

- 1. Grief, Sadness** – It puts us on the wheel and holds us hostage from ever getting off.
- 2. Celebration** – Gives us freedom and peace from the wheel

5th rule on “How to Get off The Wheel”

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Acknowledging our Enemy: Satan, The Evil One

Father of all sin

John 8:44 - Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

He rules the Earth

Ephesians 2:2 - Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

He is a predator seeking his prey

1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Let's consider the parallels between Pharaoh and Satan.

- Both are enemies that will never stop pursuing

Exodus 14:8 - And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

- Both covet the Power of God for themselves
- Both are enraged by obsession
- Both assembled an army to destroy God's people

Exodus 14:7 - And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

- Both are blinded by their ultimate defeat

Exodus 14:10 - And when Pharaoh drew nigh the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

Think with me – when you look back on a bad week:

- When you're really disappointed with life
- What is it that discourages you?
- When you are envious of the life of another?
- What has robbed you of your motivation?

Exodus 14:12 - Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.



Israelites saw and acknowledge their enemy Pharaoh or Satan, who quickly discouraged them from the decision they made to leave Egypt.

They became envious of the life they had under bondage.

Exodus 14:11 - And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

They took their eyes off the Lord, forgot all the wonderful things he had just done for them and they were willing to jump back on the wheel.

**Acknowledge The Evil one, resist his power.
Don't be intimidated by him like the Israelites**

Celebration - Gives us freedom and peace from the Wheel of life

Second part of our Rule: Keeping our Eyes on the Lord.

Think with me – when you look back on a Good week:

- What are the things that excited you?
- What are the things that satisfied you?
- When you are happy with a relationship in your life?
- What are some things that gives you joy?

Exodus 14:12 - Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

Celebration is how we remember what God has done for us, in our past, in the present moment and how he will continue to bless us in the future.

Exodus 14:13 - And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

Exodus 14:14 - The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

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