UNEXPECTED ANSWERS

It must have been a little disconcerting for God's people to be walking out of oppressive Egypt only to discover that they were running away from Pharaoh's army.

Exodus 14
10 *When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.* ***11*** *They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?* ***12*** *Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."* ***13*** *And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.* ***14*** *The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."*

And, God did more than they could have asked or imagined (Ephesians 3:14-21). I would bet-dollars-to-donuts that none of them thought, "Why don't we just walk across the Red Sea on dry land!" Yet, that's precisely what God did! Not to mention he wiped out the enemy in the process. Thus, a difficult process led to a beautiful solution.

Over the next several months, we will be offering a lot of prayers to God. No doubt there will be times when we will get impatient. At others, we will get all our solutions mapped out in our heads. Rather than jumping to conclusions or deciding on the solutions, may we ask God to still us. Instead of anxiety in these crazy times, ask him to give us greater faith knowing he will fight for us.

You have likely heard the phrase "silence is golden." I'm not sure what the original meaning is, but biblically, Moses tells God's people that silence and stillness (cease striving and have faith in God) leads to solutions that are better than gold.

Let's leave room for God to answer all our questions and concerns in his way. Enjoy the silence and stillness.

Eyes up,
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