

**Sermon: Beware of Unbelief in a Dilemma.**

**Scripture: Exodus 14:10-22**

**I. Fear leads to unbelief when we are stuck on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's instructions. Exodus 13:17-19; 21-22**

**1. They look back. Exodus 14:10-12**

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ to do the impossible. Exodus 14:13-14**

**III. The answer to the dilemma is to \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 14:15-18 Romans 12:1-2**

**IV. Realize God is still \_\_\_\_\_. (19-21)**

**V. God allows us to experience a \_\_\_\_\_ encounter. (21-31)**

**Thought for the Day:** Dilemmas are situations which you have analyzed and you have concluded there is no way out or at least there is no good solution. There are three kinds of dilemmas; one's that God directs you into in order to accomplish his purpose; one's that are result of you own choices and one's that happen because we live in a fallen world. The solution for all three is based on the direction of your perspective. There is a powerful emotion we must overcome; fear. A God directed dilemma is one where you are following the Lord's will and you find that you are in a situation where you can't control the outcome. The perspective of the Hebrews was Pharaoh is coming with his chariots, we are weak, God has led us in the wrong direction making us trapped and without hope. Sounds like a dilemma to me. **An illustration from Joni Tada** *Once, when I was a speaker at a conference, I encountered a bunch of steps into a meeting room. With no ramp, I was stuck. Well, not really. We flagged down four strong guys, and gave them instructions about where to hold the wheelchair. As they carried me, I sang a thank-hymn to them, "Love Lifted Me." And I meant it. Love which is put into practice always gives us a lift. Love with its sleeves rolled up, with muscle behind it, that looks for a need and rushes to meet it, love that does something -- that's the kind of love that ministers most. That's the sort of love the Lord Jesus has for us.*

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me!

Remember fear is the primary emotion of unbelief. **1 John 4:18**<sup>18</sup>  
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. So when you find yourself in a God directed dilemma realize the one who put you there did so because He loves you. Trust that love, accept his protection and follow his lead. It just may be that He is about to provide for you a supernatural encounter. **Pastor Bruce**