

## WEDNESDAYS On the Word WITH ~ WENDY POPE

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 When We Are Called Out

When Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them along the main road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. God said, "If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

Exodus 13:17 NLT

Obedience and trust walk hand in hand. We have the wonderful opportunity to develop both obedience and trust (one doesn't come without them both) when God calls us out of a place we were never meant to be. Things to know about deliverance:

- Detours are often part of the delivery process. (Exodus 14:1) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

  Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV
- Delivery doesn't stop enemy. (Exodus 14:6)

  Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

  1 Peter 5:8 ESV
- Doubt sidetracks my delivery. (Exodus 14:10b-11)

  Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

  Psalm 37:5-6 TLB
- Deliverance often invites testing. (Exodus 15:22)

  For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

  James 1:3 ESV
- Delivery will demand devotion. (Exodus 15:26)

  Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

  John 14:23 ESV