GO FORWARD Pastor Eddie Ildefonso

And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward (Exod. 14:15).

Courage is the capacity to conduct oneself with restraint in times of prosperity and with courage and tenacity when things do not go well.

Worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to begin.

Now was the time for action----GO FORWARD. God gave them their marching orders as He said to Moses, **"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."** The Israelites might have said, "But the Sea is before us." "Yes, I know, but I will make a path." There was only one way to go---forward. Their only way THROUGH was UP. They must trust God completely. Although their physical eyes were on the water, their spiritual eyes must see the One who would make a path for them through the sea.

Self effort is not sufficient. It shuts God out. Faith enables us to stand still and let God into our needs. Then the need becomes His to solve. He can and will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Someone has said, "When you let God in, the supernatural becomes the normal."

At His command we can move forward even when it is not reasonable or logical, even when we are fearful, even when we are weak. God doesn't show us the complete blueprint but leads us step by step. Progress is dependent on our obedience to Him. The way of victory is the way of faith. Faith expects from God what is beyond all expectation.

As we face our needs of today we must be reminded to "stand still" until God says "go forward." Then we will go forward in His power and strength, knowing He will lead us safely through. There comes a time when God tells us to move forward. Our part is to obey; His part is to remove the obstacle.

It doesn't require faith to begin a journey when we can see the way through. But to begin when we can only see the next step requires faith. Victory comes as we move forward.

"For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).