



*52 Weeks
of Power*

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GENESIS 50:20

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

EXODUS 14:14

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

Have you ever felt like things were taking a little too long? Maybe you thought you'd be further along by now—further in your career, further in your finances, further in your relationships. But instead, it feels like you're stuck on a path that just doesn't make sense.

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The Israelites felt this too. After God brought them out of Egypt, they were led through the wilderness before getting to the Promise Land. Why? Because He knew they weren't ready for what was ahead. If they faced some battles too soon, they might have turned back.

Joseph also understood this. In Genesis 50:20, after the betrayal and imprisonment, he looked back and saw that what others meant for harm, God used for good. The long way—the difficult way—was part of God's plan to save many lives.

Sometimes, God's delays are not denials. They are detours designed for our development. The long way is often the right way because it prepares us for what's ahead. God sees what we cannot see. He knows the battles we're not yet ready to fight.

What if the long way is actually the best way? What if the delay is actually God's protection?

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READ:

Exodus 13:17-22, Exodus 14

REFLECT:

Question 1: Can you think of a time when God's delay turned out to be a blessing?

Question 2: In what areas of your life do you need to trust God's timing instead of your own?

Question 3: How does Exodus 14:14 encourage you in your current season?

PRAYER:

Lord, I don't always understand why the journey takes longer than I expect. But I trust that You see what I cannot. Help me to surrender my timeline to You, knowing that every step, every delay, and every detour is leading me toward something greater. Remind me that You are fighting for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.