



DAY 5



FIGHTING FOR YOU

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

Exodus 14:14

God's people fled Egypt's slavery but found themselves hemmed in, Pharaoh's armies behind them, and the sea before them. Panicked to save themselves, instead, they were challenged to wait and be still—that God was with them in the waiting.

This summer, I found myself among precious family, serving in a dear one's final hours. The struggle grew so hard that, upon a moment's reprieving peace, I desperately needed a walk—beneath broad Texas skies, a warm breeze across my face.

My feet were swift, but my soul was still. I hadn't much left to pray; my every breath in these battles had turned simply into "Jesus, be merciful..." This "waiting" was pressing in on me, and I just needed to breathe and listen and feel God's nearness.

When I turned homeward, a pillar of auburn cloud was ablaze above our homeplace. To some, it was "just another Texas sunset." To me? A reminder of God's pillared presence over His struggling children of old... A reminder that His same presence hovered still... A reminder that God was with us in the waiting.

Whether His children waiting between Pharaoh’s hordes and an impossible sea, or my family waiting between pain’s struggle and that “deep river,” we have found God faithfully with us—that He is fighting for us, if we only be still.

How can the heart practice stillness, when this world is anything but still?

When have you sensed God fighting for you?

Our Father, when we’re waiting—for something beautiful or through something hard—we trust You are with us. We rely not on our own strength but on You, the Almighty One who fights for us. Quiet our hearts in Your merciful presence. Help us to be still... to know that You are God, to know that You are good.

It is not lost time to wait upon God.

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