

**2017 Winter/Spring Connections** --- The 2017 Winter/Spring Connections Directory is here! For a complete listing of available classes and small groups, pick-up your copy at Connection Point or browse online at frazer.church.

**Group Connect** --- Want to join a small group? Stop by the Atrium today, Sunday, Jan. 15, to browse resources, meet small group leaders and discover the group for you.

**The Kingdom Prayer** --- A week through the Lord's Prayer together, daily Jan. 30-Feb. 4 at 12:15 pm in the Main Sanctuary or streaming at frazer.church/live.

**5**<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** --- Jan 29 during the 9:30 and 11 am Sanctuary worship services we will have a special all-music Sunday featuring our children, youth and adult choirs. The 8 am service will feature a special prayer focus kicking off our week of "Kingdom Prayer."

The Legacy Journey --- This is a 7-week, biblically based class from national money expert Dave Ramsey, who teaches how to truly live and leave a lasting legacy. Learn to invest wisely, plan an estate, live purposefully, and discover the keys to generational wealth and true generosity. Register now on at frazer.church/legacy. Cost is \$109 per single/family. Classes begin Wednesday, Feb. I, 6 pm in Room 7202/04. For more information email Ryan and Melanie Stanford at stanfordjourney@gmail.com.

**How to Raise Spiritual Champions** --- A monthly coaching session on Christian parenting, 1st Sundays at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall, starting Feb. 5.

**Preschool Early Registration** --- Registration for Frazer Mother's Morning Out, Preschool, and Kindergarten will begin on Jan 25 at 8:30 am. We enroll children from 6 weeks through kindergarten. If you have questions please contact Jill Struthers or Chris Mapp at 279-0271.

Friends Bible Study --- Join us on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. A complimentary lunch will be served. No reservations necessary.

Hear It Again or Share It With a Friend --- Today's sermon will be available online at frazer.church later this week, or watch on WFRZ Frazer TV or our channels on your Roku or Apple TV streaming device. CDs and DVDs may also be ordered at the Connection Point.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017** 

# START SOMETHING

**New: Getting The Vision** 

**Now: Overcoming Obstacles** 

**NEXT: CONTINUING THE JOURNEY** 

NEVER-ENDING: EXPERIENCING THE DESTINATION

## Start Something Now Week 2-Overcoming the Obstacles Exodus 14-15

### When you're facing obstacles...

- Admit your inability.
  - o Confess instead of complain.
  - o Worship instead of worry.

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" Exodus 14:10-12

#### Focus on God.

- o Remember who He is.
- o Remember what He has done.

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 14:13-14

#### Turn to God.

- o He will be with you.
- o He will fight for you.

"The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my victory. He is my God, and I will praise him; he is my father's God, and I will exalt him! The Lord is a Warrior; yes, the Lord is his name! ...With unfailing love you will lead this people whom you have ransomed. You will guide them in your strength to the place where your holiness dwells." Exodus 15:2-3, 13

#### Obstacles after the vision...

- 1. Spiritual Warfare
- 2. Temptation
- 3. Difficult Circumstances
- 4. Difficult People

# Go Deeper:

- 1. What are some obstacles you are facing right now? Spend time praying about each situation.
- 2. Why is it so easy to forget about God's goodness when facing a difficult circumstance? What are some ways we can "remember" who God is and what He done for us?
- 3. How can obstacles strengthen our faith and bring us wisdom? How should this change the way we see our obstacles?
- 4. Read Exodus 14 and 15. What stood out in these chapters? What does God want to teach you right now?

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