



Review Week 2 - **Roadblocks and Detours** Exodus 13:17-22
(God led Israel on a detour)

1. Sometimes the path is detoured and the road blocked due to our own doubt, sin, and allowing discouragement to defeat us
2. God often orchestrates the detours for our protection, learning, and that we might be in his timing. (Israelites were not ready to face the Philistines)

God's detours and roadblocks...

1. Cause us to Trust God and His Timing
2. Put us in the right direction.
3. Allow us to see God's power and provision. Numbers 9

God can turn roadblocks into building blocks!

The Journey - Storms 2-22-15

Mark 4:35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." ³⁶ Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰ But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" ⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!" NKJV

Storms are sure to be a part of our life as _____.

- a. There are some storms we engineer by our own _____ and _____.
- b. God can send them our way to teach us, draw us close to Him and put everything in _____
- c. Satan can attempt to attack us
- d. Jesus said that trials and _____ are just a part of living in the world These are _____ storms.

The "storms of ____" can come in all sorts of forms or disguises - physical, _____, spiritual, emotional, _____. When we are driving along unhindered or sailing is smooth, there can be a tendency to rely on our own _____ or navigation. Many times only when we encounter the storms do we take the time to turn to God and His _____ and _____

1. **Be careful the _____ you make during a storm.**
2. **Have _____ in a storm as you respond.** *Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.* James 1:4 Also, Romans 5:3-5
3. **Character is _____ in a crisis, not made in a crisis.**
4. **Get Godly, correct _____ in the midst of a storm.**

Proverbs 24:6 For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors *there is* safety. NKJV
Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who listens to counsel is wise. AMP

Matthew 14:22-33 remind us that storms can come suddenly, without warning on the Sea of Galilee. How do you handle sudden storms? Do you have a tendency to fear/withdrawal/forge ahead...or?

5. **A storm can _____ you or _____ you!** Discuss Peter's experience here/ thoughts, insight
6. **Don't depend upon or trust in _____.** Talk about Paul's storm and shipwreck in Acts 27
Three anchors in the time of crisis: 1. the _____ of God. Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. — Hebrews 13:5 2. the _____ of God. Acts 13:36 "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; NIV 3. the _____ of God. Which anchor do you need the most right now?

Matthew 7:24-27

7. **Build on the right, the only sure, the solid _____! 1 Cor. 3:11**

Discussion questions about YOUR JOURNEY... How have some of the storms of your life shaped and matured your faith in the past? What have you learned about God through them? What storms are you facing at the moment? What is God teaching you in the middle of the storm? Sometimes we need additional encouragement and perspective in the storm. Do you have Christian friends that can come alongside you during a season of trial and difficulty?