



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 028: Trapped Between a Rock and a Hard Place (Exodus 14)

The death of Pharaoh's firstborn was a crushing knockdown punch, but it was not the knockout punch that would end the fight completely. Like a bruised-and-beaten fighter, Pharaoh staggers to his feet and stubbornly refuses to surrender. Summoning what is left of his strength, he throws the full might of his army against God's people at the Red Sea.

- What other Bible stories can you recall in which the enemies of God's people refuse to surrender?

The Israelites have seen the power of their God. They have watched the Egyptian gods fall one by one. But forgetting all that, they murmur and cry out against Moses for leading them here to their deaths.

In our own lives we often find ourselves trapped helplessly between a rock and a hard place.

- Describe such a situation in your own life, the doubts you faced, and how God delivered you from it.

Of course, our greatest deliverance was Jesus saving us from death and hell -- the punishment we deserve for our sins. He allowed Himself to be crushed under God's wrath when He was nailed to the cross to bear our punishment. Through Baptism into His death and resurrection we are sprung free from hell forever.

- How difficult do you find it to be still and watch the Lord fight for you?
- What benefits does it bring when you are "still" in prayer and "watch" in faith in these times?