

# Red Sea Road

## PRAYER WALK

Start your walk on the Red Sea Road by heading towards the globe.

The Israelites were living in an unfamiliar part of the world – Egypt. This was not their home. They were stuck there – enslaved by the Egyptians. Life was bitter and hard.

Reflect on your own world and current reality.

**Where are you feeling stuck right now?**

The Israelites prayed for God to provide them with an Exodus, a road out of their current situation.

***Start your journey by praying that God will part the waves that are keeping you stuck and guide you along a Red Sea Road toward freedom.***

As you continue from the globe, you'll head towards a row of short bushes.

Moses saw a bush like this engulfed in flames, but it didn't burn up. God called out to Moses and explained His plan for Moses to lead the people on the Red Sea Road toward freedom. But Moses had fears and doubts about going forward.

**What fears and doubts are preventing you from making progress and keeping you stuck?**

Continue past the bushes and head towards the west end of the path.

When the Israelites were stuck at the shore of the Red Sea, God parted the waves, and they walked through on dry land. Instead of water, they walked on dry dirt and rocks – just like you are now.

**What is the “Red Sea” challenge or situation keeping you stuck that you're unsure how to get through?  
What would it be like for you to walk on dry ground through these waves?**

***Ask God to part the waves so you can walk on dry ground.***

At the furthest west point of the path, you'll turn right and go up the hill past several big boulders. Notice that some of the boulders have a layer of moss and growth.

The Israelites complained they were hungry in the wilderness. The next day, they woke up to a flaky substance covering the boulders in their camp. The substance was manna bread. God had provided them with food and continued to provide it fresh every morning.

**What do you need God to provide for you right now so you can move forward from this stuck place to a place of freedom?**

Continue up the hill towards the two tree stumps. You'll notice several flat stones surrounding this part of the path.

Moses wrote the Ten Commandments on two large, flat stone tablets like these. These commandments were not rules to restrict the people, they were life-giving guidelines. The words on the stones were intended to set us free.

Pause to sit on one of these flat stones.

**Which of God's commandments or laws could help you move from stuck to freedom?  
Which commandment or law do you need to obey more faithfully?**

Next, you'll head towards the part of the path lined with tall trees.

One of the biggest moments of failure for the people happens at the foot of Mount Sinai. The people got impatient waiting for Moses and God to finish their conversation up on the mountain. They decided to take matters into their own hands and build a Golden Calf statue for them to worship instead.

This was a dark moment for the people. They turned their back on God. They rejected the God who had loved and saved them. Their impatience and uncertainty led them to turn to false gods for comfort and safety.

This path through the trees is the darkest part of the prayer path. As you enter this dark path, reflect on how you might've turned your back on God.

**What mistakes and wrong turns have you made that led you to be stuck today?**

**What 'golden calves' have you trusted in to help you through this situation, instead of trusting God?**

You'll come out of this darkness and stand at the foot of the cross. On the other side of our brokenness and failures, God offers forgiveness.

***Pause here for a moment to reflect on the cross and accept forgiveness from God.***

Continue down the hill, from the cross back to the world. The path will zig and zag on the way down. It's not a direct path down. It's a long, winding journey.

The Red Sea Road was not a direct path from Egypt to the Promised Land, but the people were never lost. God was present with them and guiding their steps all along the way.

**What direction is God leading you right now?**

**What next step is God inviting you to take on the Red Sea Road so you can move from stuck to free?**

You'll end back at the globe.

Our world doesn't have to stay the same.

We don't have to stay in this stuck place.

God is making a way where there is no way.

God is guiding us through the wilderness and towards the Promised Land.

**What would a "Promised Land" look and feel like for you today?**

**What is God doing in you and your life to move you closer to this "Promised Land" place?**

As you leave the globe and finish the path, give gratitude to God for the Red Sea Road He is opening in your life. End your time by praying the Red Sea Road Prayer.

## A Red Sea Road Prayer

*(Based on lyrics from "Red Sea Road" by Ellie Holcomb)*

God,  
You know our aches and pains and struggles.  
We aren't sure how to move forward from here.  
We feel stuck.

Still, we won't lose hope.  
We know where You lead us to go,  
There's a Red Sea Road.

When we can't see the way,  
You will part the waves.  
And we'll never walk alone,  
Down a Red Sea Road.

Help us believe, You are faithful.  
When our hearts are breaking, You are faithful.  
Grant us eyes to see, You are faithful.  
Teach us to sing, You are faithful.  
Amen.

## Next Steps

1. What is one thing I learned about myself while walking along the Red Sea Road?
2. What is one thing I learned about God while walking along the Red Sea Road?
3. What next step is God guiding you to take so you can break free from this stuck place and move closer to your Promised Land?