



Rule #2: Glorifying God In Tough Times

Red Sea Rules #2

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Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ ⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. ⁴ But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” **Exodus 14:3-4 (NIV)**

The Red Sea challenges me to ask a better question:

How can I glorify God in my situation?

What is the glory of God?

1- The glory of God can refer to His presence.

Brightness everywhere! The way a rainbow springs out of the sky on a rainy day—that’s what it was like. It turned out to be the Glory of God! When I saw all this, I fell to my knees, my face to the ground. **Ezekiel 1:28 (MSG)**

2- The glory of God can refer to His mighty works.

Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? **Exodus 15:11 (NIV)**

The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen. **Exodus 14:18 (NIV)**

3- The glory of God can refer to His attributes.

Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.” **Exodus 33:18-20 (NIV)**

How do I give glory to God when things are tough?

1. I give glory to God by including Him everywhere in my life.

...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31b (NIV)

The Lord is close to those who have suffered disappointment. He saves those who are discouraged. **Psalms 34:18 (ERV)**

But as for me, God’s presence is all I need. I have made the sovereign Lord my shelter, as I declare all the things you have done. **Psalms 73:28 (NET)**

2. I give glory to God when He’s active in my life.

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. **Psalms 50:15 (NKJV)**

The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; **Psalms 34:19 (NIV)**

3. I bring glory to God through godly character.

Dear friends, don’t be bewildered or surprised when you go through the fiery trials ahead, for this is no strange, unusual thing that is going to happen to you. ¹³ Instead, be really glad—because these trials will make you partners with Christ in his suffering, and afterwards you will have the wonderful joy of sharing his glory in that coming day when it will be displayed. ¹⁴ Be happy if you are cursed and insulted for being a Christian, for when that happens the Spirit of God will come upon you with great glory. ...¹⁹ So if you are suffering according to God’s will, keep on doing what is right and trust yourself to the God who made you, for he will never fail you.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 19 (TLB)

People who don’t believe are living all around you. They may say that you are doing wrong. So live such good lives that they will see the good you do, and they will give glory to God on the day he comes.

1 Peter 2:12 (ERV)