



Mastering Change...

...when your life is on the edge.

EXODUS 14

Week 1 of 4

Gilligan // Today, I'm going to teach you the core principle in mastering change // PRAY
ILL: Cliff jumping with Jim Kathan

When you are standing on the edge, you are painfully aware of
the **need** for change and the **costs** of it.

Core Principle Part 1:

Every **Change** is a **Crisis**

I want to take you to a place in the Bible where this is vividly real // VIDEO CLIP
BEFORE WE LOOK AT THE BIBLE... BACK STORY

The Back Story of God's People

creation / flood / Abraham // If you give me all of you, I will give you all of me.

EGYPT: God appoints Moses & Aaron, Sends Plagues, Leads the people out, then back!

Exodus 14:1-12

God brought them to this crisis

Crisis Question #1:

What **brought** me to this **crisis**?

Following God? // Rejecting God? // A broken world? // WHATEVER, turn to God

Crisis Question #2:

Will I trust God **more** or **less**?

Did God really do the plagues? "What an amazing coincidence!"

Core Principle Part 2:

Every **Crisis** is an **Oppportunity**.

Exodus 14:13-18

▶ An Opportunity to **Encounter God**.

▶ An Opportunity to **Do Good**.

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9/11 // Katrina // What is the opportunity in this for me?

Core Principle Part 3:

Every **Oppportunity** is a **Gift**.

Exodus 14:21-31

- ▶ God gave them the gift of **freedom**.
God wants to give you greater freedom
- ▶ God gave them the gift of **victory** over enemies.
God wants to deal with your demons
- ▶ God gave them the gift of **not going back**.
God wants to protect you by setting boundaries.
STATE THE CHANGE PRINCIPLE

So What?

If you are **not** currently on the edge...

Prepare yourself to see change as your

pathway to greater **blessing**.

If you are currently on the edge...

Stay near people with **perspective**.

ILL: The Bench and Silly Putty

Many things bring you to your moments of change, but in every one, God is there to walk you through it. What an opportunity! What a gift!