

## Good Morning Fellow Pilgrims

Today is Saturday the 28th of May 2022

Be still, calm and watch; God is on your case.

Exodus 14: 13 – 14 But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. 14 The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

What a confidence? The comforting words to the Israelites displays a high degree of confidence

Moses had upon God. The Israelites had just left Egypt, once a place of refuge and comfort that had turned into a nightmare of slavery. The Red Sea ahead, and the pursuing Egyptians behind had the Israelites panicking; yet Moses declared the greatest heroic words of comfort.

At times we may face situations where we have to provide leadership, either to self or to a group, when the ground is slippery and shaking. Difficult times when relationships and businesses are crumbling, finances not adding up, when the health is threatened, and loved ones are dying. A time you would wish for a miracle in vain, when faith is not making sense, and quotes such as Exodus 14:14 seems not make sense. “How can we just stand still, do nothing, remain calm and watch? This is not a movie, but a reality; either we do something or we die”. And we may all bear witnesses against our actions that once try to act on our own accord; we often entangle ourselves to the worst. And inspiringly, the „Echo“ group would sing: “there are times you can see no way, stumbling blocks all around, when mountains seem to be falling on you, just hold on to the cross”.

Fellow pilgrims, life at times is a thorny journey, which requires, calmness, tranquillity, and trust upon God’s deliverance. Like Moses, we need not to be moved by circumstance, rather to patiently wait for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on how to act, and all that in order to allow for the glory of the Almighty to be revealed; a God who can be the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night; enabling us to navigate through thick and thin.

Let us be reminded this morning of the ever present indwelling Advocate, who will never leave us nor forsake us. As Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure he assures them in John 14: 18, that “No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you”; and similarly the surety applies to us pilgrims today. And at his ascension, Jesus he instructed “but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”