

# Depending on God's Leadership



*“The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”*

*Exodus 14:14*

When Israel reached the Red Sea, the Egyptian army approached their rear to recapture them and return them to a life of slavery. To quiet their hearts, Moses gave this instruction; they were to remain passive and God would deliver them without their needing to fight.

Years later, after King Solomon replaced his father as king of Israel, he did four things to “secure the kingdom in Solomon’s hands:”<sup>1</sup> First, he had Adonijah killed, who had endeavored to establish himself as king prior to Solomon. Second, he had Joab, the commander of the Lord’s

army killed. Third, he removed Abiathar as high priest, replacing him with Zadok, Solomon's personal choice. Fourth, he ensured that Shimei died, who had belittled King David.

Throughout Solomon's reign it appears that he looked more to his own interests, rather than passively following the advice of Moses on the Exodus. In both the illustration of the Exodus and Solomon, it appears that their strategies worked, and Scripture does not comment on which of the two He favored. During the time when Joshua led Israel, God rebuked the people because "...the men...asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD."<sup>2</sup> I can find no evidence that Solomon ever "sought counsel of the Lord." Assuming that you "seek counsel of the Lord," you still have to decide when God wants you to passively wait on Him and when He expects you to actively do what seems best to you. It may be that God is intentionally ambiguous to keep you perpetually dependent upon Him.

[Ref 1 - 1 Kings 2:24-46 esp v46](#)

[Ref 2 - Joshua 9:14](#)

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