



### current series

How many times have you heard about one of those spectacular events in the Old Testament and thought, "It must be nice!" If only I had seen the Red Sea part, or Elijah's showdown on Mt. Carmel. Then it'd be so easy to trust God! But apparently that's not true. We see again and again that the big events aren't what transform us into God's people. Rather, we find God in the ordinary phenomena we see every day.

### today

How many times have you wrestled with doubt? With the frustration of not having all the answers? Then you hear a story from the Bible - like the parting of the Red Sea - and think, "That must have been nice. If I could see something like that, I'd never doubt." The problem is, according to those same stories, the Big Events don't actually shape anyone's faith. There's something more going on, something small and steady. Something beyond the big events.

### scripture for further reading

Exodus 13:17-14:21, Psalm 77, Isaiah 43:16-17, 1 Corinthians 10:1-2

### discussion questions

1. Share a doubt you have wrestled with about God, Christianity or the World. Why can those be so scary to share?
2. In hearing a story like God parting the Red Sea, have you ever thought "It must be nice to see something like that."?
3. We assume witnessing a big event like that will grow our faith. But according to the stories in the Bible, the people who saw them were grumbling and complaining only days later. Do you think we're that different from them? Why are Big Events not the whole story of our faith journeys?
4. The Red Sea event in Israel's history is often paralleled with the Christian's baptism. Share about your baptism. How has it served as a marker for you? If you haven't been baptized, what has kept you from taking that step?
5. How can you celebrate God's saving work in your life this week?

