

~THE LORD~
will fight for you

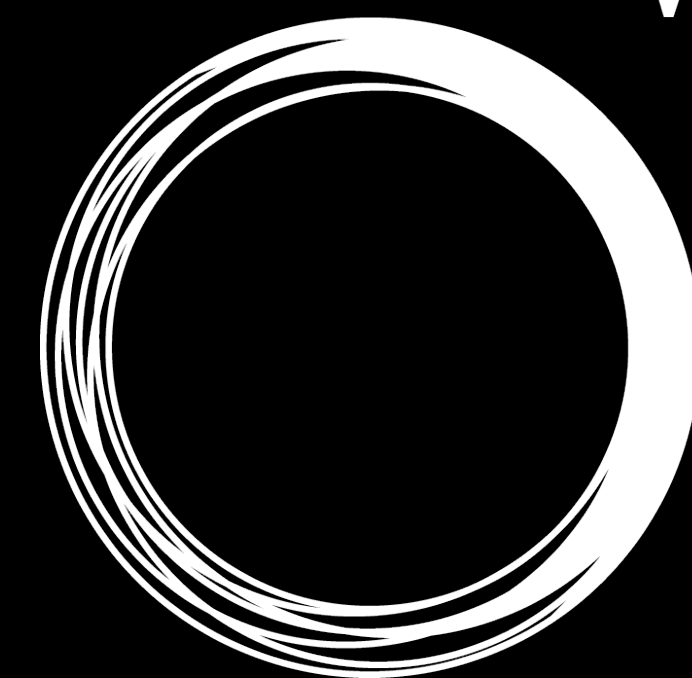


you need only

TO BE
STILL

EXODUS 14:14

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Exodus 14:1-14

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses. 2 He said, “Tell the people of Israel to turn back. Have them camp near Pi Hahiroth between Migdol and the Red Sea. They must camp by the sea, right across from Baal Zephon. 3 Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land. They don’t know which way to go. The desert is all around them.’ 4 I will make Pharaoh stubborn. He will chase them. But I will gain glory for myself because of what will happen to Pharaoh and his whole army. And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.” So the Israelites camped by the Red Sea.

5 The king of Egypt was told that the people had escaped. Then Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them. They said, “What have we done? We’ve let the people of Israel go! We’ve lost our slaves and all the work they used to do for us!”

6 So he had his chariot made ready. He took his army with him.

7 He took 600 of the best chariots in Egypt. He also took along all the other chariots. Officers were in charge of all of them.

8 The Lord made Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, stubborn. So he chased the Israelites as they were marching out boldly.

9 The Egyptians went after the Israelites. All Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen and troops chased them. They caught up with the Israelites as they camped by the sea. The Israelites were near Pi Hahiroth, across from Baal Zephon.

10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked back. There were the Egyptians marching after them! The Israelites were terrified. They cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, “Why did you bring us to the desert to die? Weren’t there any graves in Egypt? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 We told you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone. Let us serve the Egyptians.’ It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die here in the desert!”

13 Moses answered the people. He said, “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the Lord will save you today. Do you see those Egyptians? You will never see them again. 14 The Lord will fight for you. Just be still.”



**KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON**

...just stay calm (NLT)

...you need only to be still (NIV)

...keep still (NRSV)

...watch in silence (the Voice)

...keep silent (ESV)

...hold your peace (NKJV)



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Mediterranean Sea

Deir el-Balah

*Lake
Manzela*

Tell Hebua (Tjaru)

Tell edh-Dhaba

Ballah Lakes

Lake Timsah

Pithom

Succoth

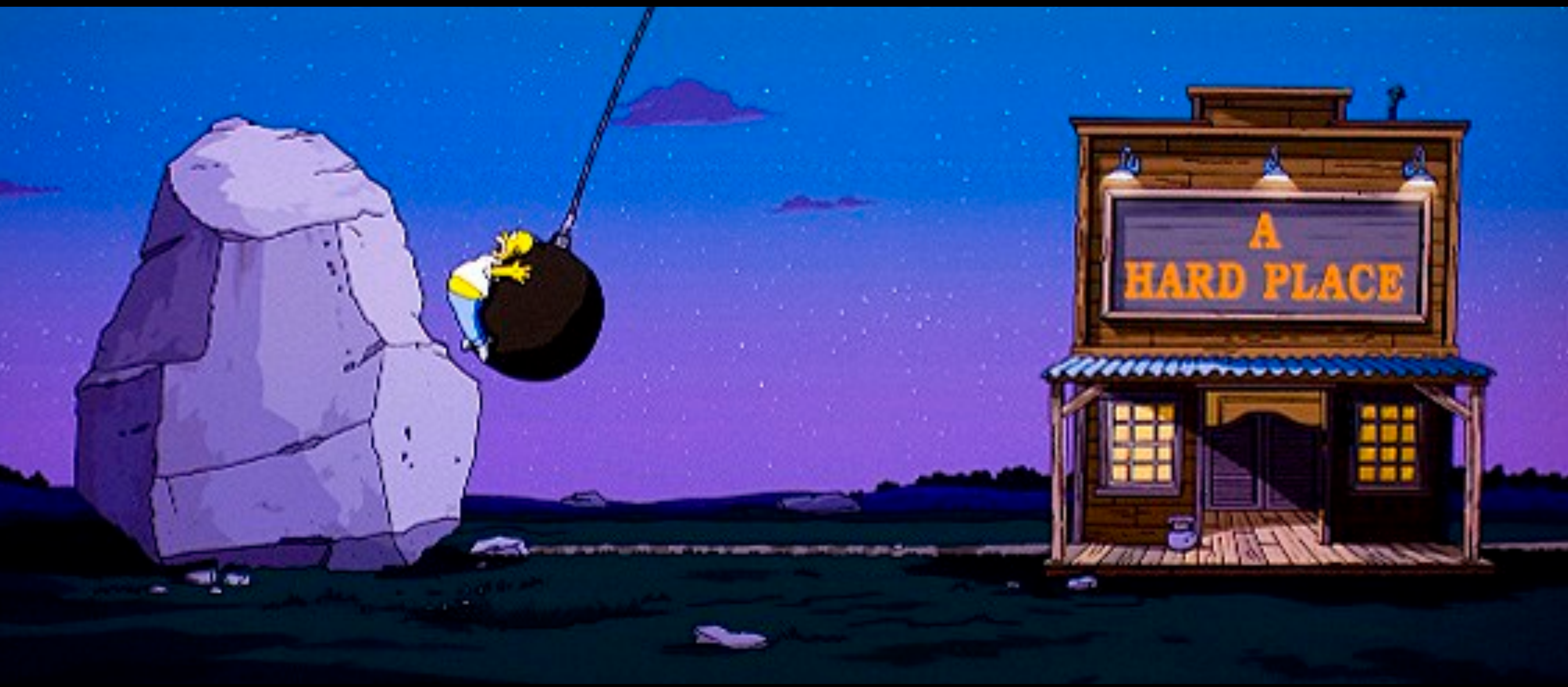
Bitter Lakes

Nile River

Gulf of Suez







4 Camps:

1) Let's throw ourselves into the sea...

2) Let's return to captivity...

3) Lets fight the Egyptians...

4) Let's pray to God...



What's your natural response to Big Problems?



The Lord will fight for you;
You need only to

be still. תַּחֲרִישׁוּן
ta·ḥă·rî·šūn

*To cut in, engrave, plow.
To exhibit Silence.*



Illustration by Kati Szilagyí



“Unquiet people recoil the Holy Spirit”
St. Augustine (4-5 c.)

Be still and know...

Let all that I am wait quietly...

Be still in the presence of the Lord...

I wait quietly before God...

...it is good to wait quietly...

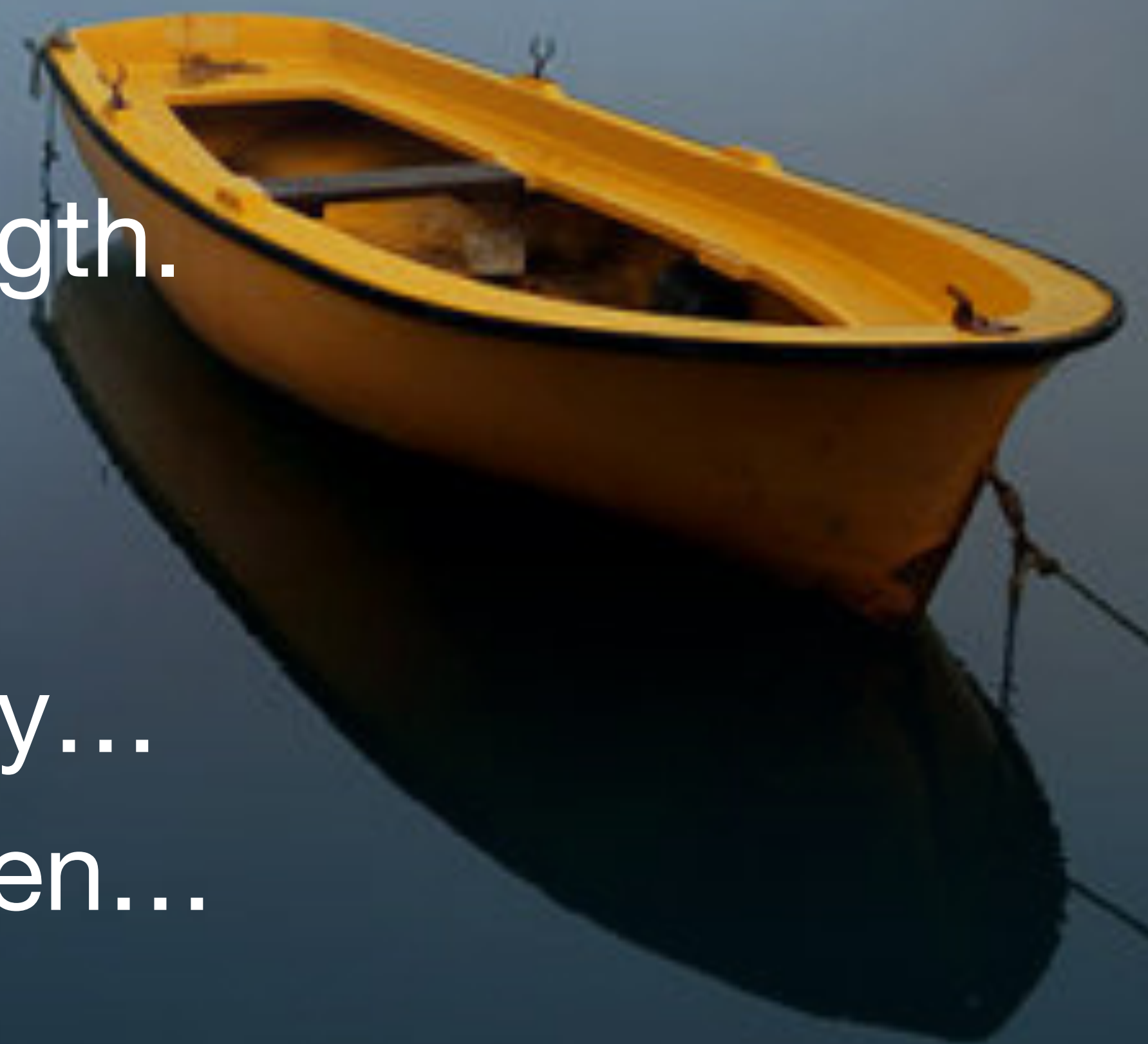
...in quietness and trust is your strength.

Let all the earth be silent before him.

Stand in silence in the presence...

Be silent before the Lord, all humanity...

...there was silence throughout heaven...



*“The practice is not ‘never let your attention be stolen’...
The practice is to bring your attention when you realize it
has been stolen.”*

Martin Liard (Into the Silent Land, 43)

*“...at this point prayer is much less about technique and
much more about the beyond-words intimacy that is
developing in our relationship with God.”*

Ruth Haley-Barton

“One reason we can hardly bear to remain silent is that it makes us feel so helpless. We are so accustomed to relying upon words to manage and control others. If we are silent, who will take control? God will take control, but we will never let him take control until we trust him. Silence is intimately related to trust.”

Richard Foster (Celebration of Discipline)