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#### GO FORWARD!

The stormy waters of the Red Sea rolled before the children of Israel. Mountains and deserts were on the right hand and on the left. Behind pressed the hosts of a faithless and cruel Pharaoh. No wonder that the hearts of the people quailed. Terror was all around. No help or escape, no advance, no retreat, seemed possible. Let us crouch as abject slaves before the proud pursuer, and perhaps life will be spared, and perhaps we may have again the privilege of wearing chains and toiling in brick-making! The triumph of the foe and the overthrow of Israel seemed certain. But the men who leave the power of the living God out of their calculations make a sad oversight! There has ever been, there ever must be, a FORCE back of the visible and the tangible. God reigns: Pharaoh, Moses, Egyptians, Israelites, the swelling sea, the arid desert wastes,—all are in God's hand, to be disposed of according to His unerring counsel. *Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward!* Obedience to the Divine command is required,—prompt, faithful, unquestioning obedience. Go forward—into the wild waves of a stormy sea lashed into tumult by a strong east wind? Yes! This path of great peril, that seems leading to sure destruction, is the way of deliverance. Moses spake the word given to him by God; Israel did go forward—treading a path in the pathless deep; forward to the free life of the Wilderness—to Elim and Sinai, to Jordan and the sunny hills and fertile vales of Canaan.

These things were done in the distant past and are recorded for our instruction. Red Seas of trouble, doubt and fear roll before us. We are surrounded by spiritual foes. A keen and cruel enemy is ever in pursuit of us. We know that our danger is great. Weak faith is apt to be paralyzed in view of our plight. But let us hear the voice of God pointing out the path of safety—straight through the Red Sea!—Forward, farther on in the right way, is the resting place where we may sing our song of triumph over the pursuing foe.

Time is passing swiftly away from us. Opportunities of usefulness are vanishing