

**Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**



May 7, 2023 - “Making a Way” #4 in the series God on Film

Texts Referenced: Exodus 14:19-22, Luke 18:27, 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. *E. T. - The Extra-Terrestrial*, Steven Spielberg’s classic film, is about an extraterrestrial stranded on Earth and ultimately befriended by a young boy (Elliott). Together they try to find a way for E.T. to be rescued by his kindred beings and returned to his home.
 - Why do you think the story of this film has resonated with so many people, young and old?
 - Why is the image of Elliott and E.T. cycling high in the night sky and silhouetted against moon so memorable?

3. **Read Exodus 14:19-22.**
 - Why do you think the image of God’s parting of the Red Sea has become an iconic and timeless example of the impossible becoming possible?
 - Have you ever experienced a situation that seemed impossible but in which God made a way out?

4. **Read Luke 18:27.**
 - Think about the metaphor of a camel passing through the eye of a needle - a reference to an actual gate in Jerusalem through which camels could not pass unless their packs were unloaded.
 - Why do you think Jesus used this metaphor in his teaching about wealth and how “what is impossible with man is possible with God”?

5. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9.**
 - Understanding that Paul wrote these words after praying to be relieved of some personal affliction, what can we learn when it seems that God isn’t answering our prayers?
 - Have you ever experienced God making a way out that wasn’t what you had hoped or prayed for?

6. How can we pray for you?