Week 2: Moses – Deliverance from Egypt

Daily Devotional

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1**: **Exodus 12:40-42**

Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egyptwas 430 years. At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the Lord’s divisions left Egypt. Because the Lord kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the Lord for the generations to come.

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**Day 2: Exodus 13:17-18**

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

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**Day 3: Exodus 13:21-22**

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

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**Day 4: Numbers 33:3 (KJV)**

And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

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**Day 5: Exodus 14:31**

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Moses’ staff was transformed into a snake by God, symbolizing the true authority of God. What does this transformation teach us about the nature of God’s power versus earthly powers? How do we recognize God’s power in our lives? Can you think of a time when God demonstrated His authority in a situation you were facing?

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2.  The plagues were directed at the Egyptian gods, showing that God is greater than all other powers. In what ways do we see "false gods" in our culture today, and how does God’s power still challenge these idols?

Pastor Bob emphasized that God wanted to demonstrate His power to both Egypt and Israel. How can we better understand God’s actions not just as a way of delivering His people, but also as a means of revealing Himself to the world?

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3. Moses had to step out in faith before God acted. What does this idea of "acting in faith before God moves" mean for us in our own spiritual journeys?

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4. When the Israelites had to choose which God to follow and demonstrate their commitment by marking their doorposts with blood, what lessons can we take from their decision to stand for God publicly? Is there a "cost" to following God today? How do we see obedience to God as part of our partnership with Him? How does God call us to play a role in His plan for our lives and the world?

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5. Read Exodus 13:21-22. God led the Israelites with a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night to demonstrate His constant presence. What are some ways we can recognize and respond to God’s presence in our lives today? How does God’s continual guidance give us confidence during times of uncertainty or fear?

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6. The Israelites had to learn to depend on God after their years of slavery. In what ways does God allow us to face challenges that force us to rely on Him more fully? How can we grow in our trust and dependence on God in our daily lives? Are there specific areas where you are being challenged to trust God more deeply right now?

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7. The sermon mentions that God’s name would be proclaimed on the earth through the story of His deliverance. In what ways can we share the story of God’s power and glory with others today? How can we actively participate in making God's name known in our world, much like Moses and the Israelites were called to do in their time?

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