

Here are some talking points to start using to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful conversations. Remember, you want others to do most of the talking.

**Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

**Start Thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why?

**Talking About the Message Start Sharing & . NOTE: Pastor Ed may not cover all points in all services.**

**Open:** Adversity comes to us all, and can come due to our actions, or simply by conditions beyond our control.

1. When adversity comes, what's the most important for us? **A.** How we respond.  
Why is it important how we respond? **A.** Adversity always presents a revelation & a choice.
2. What does the revelation of adversity expose? **A.** What we really believe to be true. What is the choice we have in adversity? **A.** It is what we decide to do after a setback in life.
3. Why does God allow adversity in our lives? **A.** To reveal what's in our hearts or expose destructive choices we make in hard times.
4. God does not overlook our adversity; but what does He do? **A.** He responds to it as we trust Him. He shows up and does not leave or forsake us. What opportunity does it provide Him? **A.** To show us who He really is.

**Three Main Points About God in Our Adversity: Exodus 6:1-13**

1. **Adversity Reveals God's Character (1-4)** God was telling Moses that his adversity was not a what, but a what? **A.** Not a setback, but a setup. Do setbacks mean we didn't hear God correctly? **A.** No. Anything we do for God will come with adversity. According to Psalm 119:9, what must we do? **A.** Cleanse our way = unlearn destructive patterns and live according to God's word. In **v3**, after they were experiencing adversity, what new aspect of His character was God revealing? **A.** They went from knowing Him as a promise maker to a promise keeper. (From El-Shaddai to Yahweh/Jehovah). In times of adversity, God meets us where we are and shows us more about Himself than we previously knew.
2. **Adversity Re-Affirms His Faithfulness (5-8)** God demonstrated His faithfulness by His actions **Duet 4:34** What did God's faithfulness in Israel's past become for them? **A.** An anchor of hope for the future. What does remembering God's faithfulness to us in the past do for us in adversity? **A.** It gives us hope. **v8** God swore an oath by His own name – what He promised He would do. **Heb 6:17-18** What do we get from God's "strong consolation?" **A.** Comfort after times of loss or disappointment. What impact does fear and not fully trusting on God have on us? **A.** We may never launch out and see if God will keep His promises. **Heb 11:6** To experience God's faithfulness we need to have faith.
3. **Adversity Shows Us His Power (9-13)** In chapter 4, the people went from excitement seeing Moses, to despair due to their harsh treatment. They wanted to stay in their bondage. After so many years as slaves, what had they forgotten? **A.** God's promises. It was hard for them to trust God to free them. What happens to us if we allow sin to enslave us? **A.** We believe Satan's lies and lose hope that we can be free from sin. But, **Romans 8:37** Do we believe this? How did Moses respond in **v12**? **A.** He focuses on his inadequacies. (Moses had a history of this – see Exodus 4). Do we ever respond to God's call by saying, "I'm not called, qualified, gifted, anointed or available"? Do we play the comparison game? Whose ability do we need to focus on? **A.** God's. In His hands our most important ability is availability. When God calls us to a task, what does He want to show us? **A.** How much we need Him. **2Cor 12:9** Our power to do what God calls us to do depends on what? **A.** Dependence on Him and trust in Him. Adversity can transform us – Knowing God's character, faithfulness & power changes us. Stand still and see God's faithfulness.

Talk to your group about (1) creating profiles on the Calvary App so your group can create a group chat on the app. Let Pastor Josh know so he can set your group up for you. (3) Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/LIFEgroup-Assessment>

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The Opportunity of Adversity

Exodus 6:1-13

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