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Sermon Recap

Pastor Jason's study emphasizes the importance of remembering and reflecting while drawing parallels between the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt and our freedom from sin through Christ. The message also touches on the importance of living in obedience to God's commands and passing down the remembrance of God's faithfulness to future generations.

Discussion Questions

How can remembering and reflecting on our salvation help us avoid falling back into old sinful patterns?

- Pastor Jason emphasized the importance of reflecting on our own salvation when Jesus became real in our lives.
- How can remembering your salvation story help you overcome temptations or struggles?

Why is it important to pass down the remembrance of God's faithfulness to future generations?

- We discussed the importance of intergenerational faith that extends beyond one generation, as each individual has a part in building the kingdom of God.
- How can you actively promote intergenerational faith in your family or church community?

How does God use the concept of removing leaven to teach us about humility and dependence on His strength?

- While leaven represents sin and pride, God required the Israelites to remove it from their lives, acknowledging that He brought them out of Egypt with His strength.
- How important is humility in our walk with God and with others? Why?

Using the example of the Israelites being led in a roundabout way to the Promised Land, how can you trust God's plan even if it takes an unexpected route?

- Pastor Jason reminded us there is purpose and growth in the journey, even if it's not the most direct route.
- Can you share an example from your own life or Scripture where God led you through an unexpected path that led to growth and faith in Christ?

How do you experience God's presence and guidance in your life, comparing the tangible guidance of the Israelites (pillar of cloud and fire) to your own walk with God?

- We compared God's tangible guidance in the early stages of our faith journey to the more subtle leading through His Word and our obedience to it.
- Do you recall a time when you sensed God's tangible guidance, and has that shifted as you matured in your faith?

Prayer Prompts

- Pray for God to help us remember and value our salvation and relationship with Him.
 - Pray for strength to avoid pride and selfishness, and to live in righteousness.
 - Ask God to help us share His love and blessings with others.
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Teaching Notes:

Since God saved the firstborn, they belong to Him.

13:1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **2** “Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and beast; it is Mine.”

3 And Moses said to the people: “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out of this *place*.”

God has demonstrated his power in their deliverance.

He is the Lord they should obey, but how soon they forget!

Israel is a type of those who follow Christ.

Remembering our life before Christ & our salvation is helpful for us.

No leavened bread shall be eaten.

For His part: God has brought them out with His strength...

...For their part: no leaven, no pride, no sin, no selfishness.

4 On this day you are going out, in the month Abib. **5** And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month.

They were not just free to be free.

We are set free to be a holy nation.

6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day *there shall be* a feast to the Lord. **7** Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. **8** And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, '*This is done* because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt.' **9** It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. **10** You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.

God builds in things that last past one generation...

...God's vision is for all generations.

God's plan for your life is not just for your life.

Now, he comes back to the firstborn being redeemed...

11 "And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, **12** that you shall set apart to the Lord all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males *shall be* the Lord's. **13** But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem *it*, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. **14** So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What *is* this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **15** And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I

redeem.’ **16** It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.”

**One way they remember is a meal to enjoy: Passover.
Another way is redeeming the firstborn.**

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*

I Corinthians 6:20 you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.

**When people ask why we do what we do...
...what Christ did for us should be a key reason we share.**

17 Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them *by way of the land of the Philistines*, although that *was near*; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.” **18** So God led the people around *by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea*. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

God knows the way He takes us, & He has a purpose in it.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.”

Joseph believed God would bring them to the Promised Land.

**Until Christ returns, we can remember the past...
...but we have to keep passing the baton into the future.**

20 So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness. **21** And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. **22** He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night *from before the people.*

As soon as they are free, God's presence is w/them.