



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

"HEBREWS 11:23-29 / EXODUS 12:33-50" ON MARCH 3 & 6, 2022

### CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Hebrews 11:22/Genesis 37:50 affect your week?

### DISCOVER: HEBREWS 11:23-29/ EXODUS 12:33-50

What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?

Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

**HEBREWS 11:23-29** This passage describes a portion of Moses' life from water to water - showing how he was rescued FROM the water as a baby by a Pharaoh's daughter in mighty Egypt to how he rescued his Hebrew slave brothers and sisters from Egypt BY the waters of the Red Sea. It is a story of choosing to address oppression....of caring about justice...of being called and being prepared to step out.....a story of the rescued Moses stepping up and stepping out to rescue his people by the power of Mighty God. Today we also can see oppression and injustice all around us, and we have the opportunity to learn from Moses' story, to choose to be a part of rescuing others by the power of that same Mighty God who has rescued us!

### MOSES – Rescued to Rescue

- Hebrews 11:23 – the verse sounds so straightforward, but imagine the decision Moses' parents made as Hebrew slaves in that situation – they had a plan, but their willingness to risk and trust God was off the charts! How would you measure your own willingness to fully trust God with your plans when they involve risk, and what can you learn from Moses' parents?
- Hebrews 11:24-27 – Moses had to choose between the comforts of position, power and wealth or becoming a part of his birth heritage as a Hebrew slave, ultimately spending 40 years in the wilderness as God prepared him to rescue His people. What temporary pleasures, comforts or benefits in your life right now stand in the way of or hold you back from your willingness to step out to be a part of addressing the oppression and injustice around you?
- Hebrews 11:28 – In obedience and faith, Moses not only stood before Pharaoh to ask him to free the Hebrew nation, but to bring an assault on Egypt's false gods by the use of plagues so that God could re-establish His identity with His family! In what specific ways could you engage in your community, nation, or world that would re-establish Jesus as the Only One who can rescue people today from the oppression and injustice we see around us?
- Hebrews 11:29 – By God's might, Moses led the Hebrew slaves through the parted waters of the Red Sea – the same sea that then swallowed up the Egyptian army! Have you ever wondered what it felt like to be the last of the Hebrew slaves to cross the Red Sea, with the Egyptian army close behind? What situations in your life have caused you to feel that same threat, and how did you react/respond to that? What does this story show you about trusting God?

### US – Rescued to Rescue

- Why should we as Christians care about justice in today's world? Why should we step up and step out, and how do we decide which causes are most important for us to be a part of?
- Can you describe times has God put something on your heart that you knew you were supposed to be a part of, but you talked yourself out of it and just settled or walked away? How could that have been handled differently?
- The Hebrew nation balked at upon arrival at the Red Sea and wanted to go back to the familiar life they knew, even though it meant a return to slavery. How many times in our lives does God rescue us, then we want to go back to
- chains of something we know rather than trusting God to lead us through tough times to the freedom He



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offers?

- What can we learn from the Red Sea story?
- Moses was an image-bearer of God's love; what does it look like in your life to be an image-bearer of Jesus in your daily walk?
- We have the opportunity to care – to be the rescued stepping out to rescue. Could you describe a burning bush moment or share a meaningful scripture/situation that is calling you to step out in Jesus' name?

### RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

### PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.