

Sermon Outline - Sunday, June 07, 2020
The Journey Before Jubilee – Let Your Pharaoh Go

Intro

In Mar/Apr we talked looked at the Exodus story and how God frees the Israelites from Egypt. After nearly 430 years of captivity God brings 10 plagues to Egypt to force Pharaoh to finally let the people go. We are in the midst of a pandemic and uprising and I hope these are enough to shake us to leave the place of oppression walk towards freedom. God takes them physically out of Egypt but before they can enter the new land, God has to get the Egypt out of them. Before we can talk about Jubilee we need to identify the ways of Egypt that we need to let go of.

Exegesis

- There was a faster route to Canaan but it required going past Philistine territory. God knew they would be scared by those folks so they go the longer way.
- The distance Egypt to Canaan = 264 miles direct but even now road Cairo to Jerusalem= 465 mi (avoiding Gaza) so if they had taken a long route slow pace of 5 miles a day = 93 days – Instead it takes them 40 years!
- This month we are going to look at three incidents in the life of the Israelites that show how Egypt is still in them
 - o First – The Golden Calf – The Worship of Money/ Idolatry
 - o Second – Manna in the Wilderness – Give us this Day Our Daily Bread
 - o Finally – The Twelve Spies – The Spirit of Lackness -> 40 years in wilderness

Key Points

1. Change of spot ≠ Change of thought
2. Years of obeying Pharaoh made it hard to trust and follow God
3. You can't grow a new things from old roots (wine & wine skins)

Ex. Growing new onions – realizing that if the plant is going to grow anew it has to start new roots and when the old roots are there it doesn't create space for the new roots to grow in.

Challenge folks to try growing an onion in water. Short tutorial at Bible study on Wednesday.

Core Questions

1. What are the patterns of oppression in your life which seem to keep following you from place to place?
2. Who or what is the Pharaoh in your life that you hold up ahead of God?
3. As you think about the root causes of oppression – (valuing some over others, greed/materialism, fear & territorialism) where do you find those things operating in your life?