



The Exodus – Don't Lose Heart

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Ice Breaker

What's something you were initially disappointed about but later realized worked out for the best?

Key Verses

- Exodus 6:1
- Exodus 6:6-8
- John 14:1-3
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- Hebrews 10:23-25

Questions

- In the sermon, we see that God allowed things to get worse for the Israelites before they got better. Have you ever experienced a situation in your life that seemed to get worse before God brought resolution?
- Moses was cursed by his own people and then turned to God in anger. How do you typically respond when your efforts to do good are met with criticism or rejection?
- Pastor Fred emphasized that God doesn't change - He is the same God of the Exodus, the Resurrection, and our future. How does God's unchanging nature provide comfort during difficult times?
- God told Moses to keep obeying even when he couldn't see how things would work out. What makes obedience particularly difficult during times of disappointment or confusion?
- The sermon mentioned that when we're broken, we don't need to hear anything new - we just need to hear God's promises again. What promises of God do you find yourself needing to hear repeatedly?

- As believers, how does knowing your future eternal destination affect how you view current hardships?
- Pastor Fred said God is “the master chess player” who knows every move on the board and, even when it seems like the game is lost, ends up showing that He had a master plan all along. How does this analogy help you understand God's ways?
- What practical steps can we take to "hold on to God" when we or others in our community are feeling completely broken?

Life Application

This week, identify one area where you feel discouraged, where it seems like evil is winning or your situation is getting worse despite your prayers. Write down three promises from Scripture that speak directly to this situation. Each day, read these promises aloud and then take one small step of obedience related to this area - whether it's continuing to serve, choosing to forgive, or persisting in prayer. Remember that God often does His greatest work against the backdrop of what appears to be defeat. Share with at least one person in the group next week how focusing on God's promises and choosing obedience affected your perspective.

Key Takeaways

- When God allows evil to increase, it's often setting the stage for a greater display of His power and goodness that will leave no doubt He is God.
- During our lowest moments, we don't need new revelations - we need to be reminded of God's unchanging character and promises.
- Even when we can't feel God's presence or understand His plan, we must continue to obey His commands.
- The hope of Christ's return and our eternal home provides perspective during present sufferings.
- Like the Israelites in Egypt, Christians should support one another through difficult times, encouraging each other with God's promises.

Ending Prayer

LORD God, we praise you because you are the great and mighty YHWH - the eternal, unchanging God who keeps every promise. When we face our lowest moments, help us remember that You are working even when we cannot see it. Give us strength to obey You when circumstances seem to contradict Your goodness. Remind us of our eternal hope when temporary troubles overwhelm us. Thank You that just as You delivered Israel from Egypt and raised Jesus from the dead, You will one day complete Your perfect plan for each of us. Until then, help us hold firmly to You and encourage one another in love. May we be a community that points to Your faithfulness even in the darkest times. In Jesus' name, Amen.