

Groaning of the Oppressed

2/1/26- Pastor Zach

Exodus 1-4, Isaiah 43:1, Luke 12:7, Numbers 12:3, Zech 4:6, 2 Cor 10:4, 1 Cor, 1:27,

Connect: What was the aha moment in this week's sermon? Have you ever gone against some form of power on your own. What was that like for you?

Engage: Re-Read Exodus 1-4

What stands out to you as you re-read this

Zach shared there are two kinds of Power

1. Power that controls through fear
2. Power that liberates through present

Where have you experienced one of these?

Names are important – they = covenant

Names = remembered people

What does it feel like when someone remembers your name?

Zach talked about Pharaoh's power – that it was fear driven, system budding control through pressure and Identity removal. Where have you seen this or experienced this?

Zach shared about Moses taking justice into his own hands and then being banished to the wilderness for 40 years. Moses is rejected by both parties – Pharaoh and Moses's people.

Where have you taken power into your own hands, how did that work out for you?

Eucatasrophe: sudden/miraculous grace that seems terrible in the moment but leads to Salvation. Where have you seen this? ‘

God is most at work when we feel the most distant. What do you think about that?

There were 3 thoughts 1. Fear the Lord

2. Trust the presence

3. What is in your hand?

Zach left us with questions that we should take some time to ponder and talk with your small group.

1. Where are you trying to control instead of trust?
2. Where are you using anger instead of obedience?
3. Where are you afraid to be weak?
4. Where are the catastrophes in my life that God has shown up in?
5. Why am I letting fear and anger drive my life and what do I need to do about it?

Apply: What is the invitation for you this week? Where are you with this story, can you relate to Moses in one of these areas that Zach shared? Is there something you need to confess this week to Jesus?

