The Story: Chapter 5 New Commands and a New Covenant Pastor Kevin Donoho May 14, 2023

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Exodus 19:3-6

DURING THE STORY SERIES, REMIX CLASS SESSIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SEGMENTS:

- 1) THE STORY STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS CHOSEN BY THE LEADER.
- 2) THE FOLLOWING REMIX QUESTIONS:

Opening Discussion

• What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

<u>Thought #1</u> – We recognize how good God has been to us!

Read Exodus 19:4

"You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."

We read here about the actions the Lord takes to show us grace and care for His children:

- He brings us out of captivity.
- He carries us in times of need.
- He draws us near to Himself.

Take time to recall moments when you saw one or all of these in your life. Share these with your group.

Pastor Kevin reminded us that recognizing His grace puts us in the right posture for God to get the credit! As you reflect on all that God has done, and His movements toward us, what does that mean for you at this moment in your life?

<u>Thought #2</u> – God initiates in hopes that we respond!

Continue reading Exodus 19:5 "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession."

Note the phrase "obey me fully and keep my covenant."

What does this mean to you? In your life, what does responding in obedience look like?

Pastor Kevin reminded us that we don't flourish because we "bet on ourselves" but rather by recognizing how God is actively working around you, in you, and through you to help you flourish. What areas of your life have you seen "flourish" because of the way the Lord has cared for you? Are there areas in your life in which you need God to actively show up?

<u>Thought #3</u> – In your obedience and partnership, you are a part of the building of His Kingdom!

Read together Exodus 19:5-6 "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Pastor Kevin reminded us that God is attempting to build a nation, His Kingdom, and he offers to use us, His *most treasured possessions.*

As a group, take time to read the following passages, noting attributes and characteristics that God gives us as His children.

(Tip for Leaders: Assign one passage to different group members and let them read the scripture to the group)

2 Corinthians 5:17 Joshua 1:9 Romans 8:38-39 Isaiah 53:5 Psalm 18:32 1 John 2:12 Ephesians 1:5 Esther 4:14 2 Timothy 1:7

After hearing these what are some words that stand out to you regarding the identity that God gives us?

(Leaders: Some examples may be: Loved, Healed, Strong, Forgiven, Adopted, Whole, Hopeful, Purpose, Victorious, Joyful, Worthy)

How does this identity stand in contrast to what the world would have us believe? Is there a word or words that resonate more with you? Is there one that is harder for you to embrace?

How does accepting our identity as His "most treasured possessions" play a part for stepping into our role in building His Kingdom?

Thought #4 – We have a role to play! Revisit Exodus 19:5b-6

We have a role to play and it is a big one!

As a Kingdom of Priests, we stand in the middle of an unbelieving world and a God who loves them very much. And Pastor Kevin reminded us we aren't just priests but a Holy Nation. This means as Christians we should look different from the world. To stand out. To be "weird".

How are you standing in the middle in your own life? Bridging the gap between your colleagues, neighbors, family, and friends? Is there a way God is calling you to be a priest to your circle?

Are there areas of your life where you are feeling a tug to something "other" that the world wouldn't understand? Something to build His Kingdom?

Share these with your group and consider inviting their accountability for these.

Questions for Pastor Todd Keller or Julie Burch regarding your REMIX group?

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***Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

How can we pray for each other this week?

