

Trust in the Dark

Series: Seeing in the Dark (msg 2) **Date:** October 10, 2021

Exodus 1:22-2:10

Exodus 1:22
Ephesians 6:12
Exodus 2:1-3

Exodus 2:1-3
1 Peter 2:18
Acts 5:29
Hebrews 10:24-25

Rebellion - too eager to disregard the law

Resignation - too eager to surrender to the law and compromise your convictions

Respectful - eager to obey the law; but respectfully disobedient when the law would compromise our convictions

Exodus 2:4-6

When you're in the dark, trust in the Lord.

Exodus 2:7-10

sermon discussion

RECAP THE SERMON

Read Exodus 1:22-2:10. Spend some time discussing the passage. What stood out or what did you notice? What questions did you have about what you read? Discuss the sermon. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you, or anything that stood out to you?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Think about a time when you chose to trust God during dark or difficult circumstances. How has that experience informed or prepared you to respond in the present or the future to similar experiences?
2. **Read Exodus 2:3 and Genesis 6:14.** The Hebrew word used to describe the basket Moses is placed in is *tēbâ* (*literally ark*) and the only other time we see this word in the Old Testament is in Genesis 6:14. What point or parallel do you think the Biblical author was trying to make by using this term in Exodus 2:3?
3. **Read Exodus 2:1-10.** What are some of the ways you see God's hand at work in the life of Moses during these early years of his life and birth?
4. **Read Exodus 1:22.** In World War II there were thousands of Germans who lived near concentration camps or worked in low level jobs to support the Nazi regime. While they may not have personally killed someone during the war, they did support or turn a blind eye to the atrocities that were committed. Similar types of behavior have been committed by people at all different times in world history. What are some reasons why people support an evil command, law, or institution?
5. When it comes to obeying laws and those in authority, Christ followers are called to avoid rebellion and resignation, but instead to obey all laws that don't compromise our convictions and if needed, to respectfully disobey a law if it does. In what contexts or settings do you tend to rebel against laws or those in authority? When do you tend to gravitate towards resignation? Why do you think that is?
6. When have you or someone you know acted respectfully in disobeying a law or the instructions of someone in authority because it would have violated convictions or been a cause to do something immoral?
7. **Read Ephesians 6:12.** Our natural tendency is to focus on the person or institution that is attacking us or our faith. What are our true enemies, according to Paul? When tempted to only focus on the person or institution, what difference can this make?

GOING FURTHER

As we go through the book of Exodus, you'll find suggestions for how you and your group can go further. Feel free to do one of them or several.

Memorize: *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9 ESV*

Watch the Bible Project on Exodus 1-18: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/exodus-1-18/>

Read Genesis 37, 39-45 on the life of Joseph: What hardships or setbacks did Joseph face? What enabled him to stay faithful to God and to not grow embittered or hardened towards others?

Read about Christian Martyrs who were faithful in the midst of suffering and persecution:

- Find modern day martyrs at persecution.org.
- Read *Fox's Book of Martyrs* ([free online here](#)).
- Read *Jesus Freaks: Martyrs: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus* by DC Talk.