

Sermon Summary

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Pastor Carl began by discussing Exodus 19, where God told the Israelites He would make them a kingdom of priests and holy nation if they obeyed him. However, the people still needed Moses as a mediator to hear God's words. Pastor Carl noted how today many dismiss God and act independently instead of obeying. He talked about how God wanted to manifest his presence to the Israelites at Mount Sinai, but they were afraid and didn't want God on his terms, only their terms. Pastor Carl said this is still true today - people want to control God rather than fully submit.

When discussing Jesus, Pastor Carl said Jesus perfectly obeyed the Father and only spoke what he heard him say. Yet the people in Jesus' hometown didn't believe him because he didn't fit their ideas. Their unbelief limited the miracles Jesus could perform there.

Pastor Carl then provided more details from the Exodus story, like how the Israelites rushed to leave Egypt but got trapped by the Red Sea. He emphasized God's promise to deliver them and how Moses trusted God to part the sea despite it making no logical sense. He talked about the fear the Israelite children must have felt but how God protected them. Pastor Carl stressed the importance of trusting God even when his plans don't make sense from a human perspective. Yet the Israelites continued doubting God after seeing his miracles.

In sharing his cancer experience, Pastor Carl said even when that voice of doubt came, God's voice assured him he would go through it with him. He closed by encouraging believers to trust God's heart above all else, not just his miracles, works, or provisions.

