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CHAPTER 4 | DELIVERANCE : Part 2 – WAYNE ALGUIRE

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THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

The people of Israel are free! God provides them guidance, shelter, protection, escape and essentials for living. He then says, “if you want to avoid the fate of the Egyptians, remain in me.”

TEXT

The Story, pages 53-57, (Exodus 13:21-18)

TALK ABOUT IT

1. God has created a new opportunity for Israel in giving them freedom. What responsibilities and challenges emerge for Israel because of their new found freedom?
2. God said, “If you listen...do what is right in His eyes...pay attention... and keep His decrees...” (Exodus 15:26) What keeps us from listening to God and paying attention to what He is doing in our lives?
3. God provides guidance, protection and the essentials for living because He loves you. How can you, because of His love, provide for others?

LOOK TO THE TEXT

“Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.” (Exodus 13:22)

- God’s presence is with the people. What does this reveal about God as He journeys with the newly-freed Israelites?

“Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? ... [God responds] Why are you crying out to me?” (Exodus 14:11, 15-18)

We see a balance of “God is in control” and human contribution when God tells Moses to use the tools He has been provided.



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- What does this balance of God-at-work and the active role of the Israelites show you about the relationship between God and His people?

"The Lord reigns for ever and ever."

Take the time to read Exodus 15:1-8 (Moses' song).

- What words or phrases are used to describe God?

"If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)

- Up to this point in the Bible (Genesis and the first part of Exodus), who has done right in God's eyes?
- What are God's decrees?

LOOK INWARD

New freedom and opportunity abound as the people of Israel head towards the Promised Land. It will include responsibility, challenges and opportunities for growth.

- When was the last time you had a new opportunity (life, work or otherwise)?
- What did it look like? What do you remember feeling about the opportunity?

Despite the grumbling and complaining from the people, we see God who is patiently, kindly and lovingly developing His covenant relationship with His people.

- How are you seeing your life through God's eyes today? Is it one of grumbling and complaining because God seems absent? Or is it peaceful and resolved because you're assured of His presence?
- What are some reasons or ways that people justify their grumbling and complaining about God?

Wayne asked, in his message:

- "What are you learning about yourself and your own story?"
 - "Is your current reality creating fear, raising doubt? Or are you looking around, seeing how God is guiding, leading, protecting, sheltering?"



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LOOK OUTWARD

"Moses... raise your staff and stretch your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground." (Exodus 14:16)

- God could have parted the seas by Himself, but He requires Moses to participate by raising His staff. What work is God doing in your life that requires your participation so that others receive freedom or experience God-at-work?

Jehovah-Jireh : The God Who Provides

- How are you seeing God provide in the lives of other people around you today? How have you seen God provide in the lives of others in the past?

SO WHAT:

It is for freedom that Christ has set you free.

The 'ifs' in Scripture are not heavy obligations you reluctantly obey.

Your love for Christ and desire to become like Him inspires you and compels you to joyfully, wholeheartedly engage: relying on a balance of God-at-work and using the gifts and tools you have to impact your life and the lives around you.

NEVER STOP PRAYING

- Praise God for the way He has led the Church through our Annual General Meeting and as we look forward to the new year
- Pray for those who are struggling with physical and mental health issues in a time when proper care and treatment can be a challenge.
- Pray for Christmas preparations and we celebrate our '12 Days of Merry & Bright' and our 'Live @ 5 Christmas Eve service'
- Pray for all who work with our local homeless population, that they would be an instrument of hope and peace.

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HOMEWORK

Jesus came to fulfill the Law (Matthew 5:17), but that doesn't mean that there aren't "ifs" and expectations that we need to consider. Wayne shared a few with us: Matthew 6:14-15, Matthew 18:6, 1 John 1:8-9. Take the time to study, "If I have received grace freely, what else does Jesus require of me?"

NEXT WEEK'S READING

"The Best News Ever" NEW SERIES!

Read Romans 8 and Luke 2:8-20

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions during your group time or personal study this week and you want an answer, make sure to send them to podcast@trinitykelowna.ca and we'll work to answer them on our podcast!

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