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“Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, **that I may dwell among them.**”

**Exodus 25:8**

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**Genesis ends with Joseph saving the country.**

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**Exodus 3:7-8**

# The Call of a Reluctant Deliverer – 3-4

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**Exodus 5:1**

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Genesis 15:14 - “But I will also judge the nation whom they will **serve**, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

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'The **blood** shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will **pass over** you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 12:13**

... For **Christ our Passover** also has been sacrificed.

**1 Corinthians 5:7**

## Praise Turned into Complaining – 16-18

The sons of Israel said to them, “Would that we had **died** by the Lord’s hand **in the land of Egypt**, when we sat by the **pots of meat**, when we ate **bread to the full**;...

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**Exodus 19:4-6**

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**Exodus 19:8**

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**Exodus 20:2**

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