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Week 1: The Story of You and God (Part 1)

CHAPTER ONE: GOD HAD A PLAN

- It began with _____
- God made a _____ with Abraham
- _____ became second in command in Egypt
- The Israelites were _____ for 400 years
- God delivered Israel through _____
- The _____ experience was a defining moment for the Israelites

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. Exodus 14:31 (NIV)

CHAPTER TWO: CAMPING WITH GOD

- Israel was a loosely connected group of _____, not a real _____ yet

“If only the Lord had killed us back in Egypt,” they moaned. “There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death.” Exodus 16:3 (NLT)

“Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” Exodus 17:3 (NIV)

- The Israelites _____, God _____
- God revealed His _____ on Mt. Sinai

“You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 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.” Exodus 19:4-6 (NIV)

The people all responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord. Exodus 19:8 (NIV)

CHAPTER THREE: THE TWO’S

Two Systems:

1. System of _____ (Exodus 19-24)
2. System of _____ (Exodus 25-31)

God said to house these two systems in a _____

“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.” Exodus 25:8-9 (NIV)

Sanctuary — set apart place

Tabernacle — dwell

Two Purposes:

1. To establish God as the _____ true God (Exodus 34:10)
2. To point to Jesus as the _____ of God’s plan of salvation

Two Lead Characters:

1. Levites
2. Priests

Two Key Roles:

1. The priest was the _____ of the people
2. The animals were the _____ for their sin

Two Responses God Desires:

1. _____ His invitation to relationship
The Fence – “Stay Away”
The Gate – “Come in this way” (John 14:6; John 10:9)
2. _____ what he says (Exodus 19:8)

Two Truths About God to Ponder:

1. God is _____
2. God is _____

“I am a God who is near,” says the Lord. “I am also a God who is far away. No one can hide where I cannot see him,” says the Lord. “I fill all of heaven and earth,” says the Lord. Jeremiah 23:23-24 (NCV)

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- The Red Sea experience was a defining moment for the Israelites

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- The Israelites complained, God provided
- God revealed His heart on Mt. Sinai

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1. System of law (Exodus 19-24)
2. System of sacrifice (Exodus 25-31)

God said to house these two systems in a tabernacle

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Two Responses God Desires:

1. Accept His invitation to relationship
The Fence – “Stay Away”
The Gate – “Come in this way” (John 14:6; John 10:9)
2. Do what he says (Exodus 19:8)

Two Truths About God to Ponder:

1. God is transcendent
2. God is immanent

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THE STORY OF YOU AND GOD (PART 1) Talk-it-Over Notes | January 7-8, 2023

REVIEW IT

From the beginning, God had a plan for us. We follow its ribbon from God's covenant with Abraham to the enslavement of his people in Egypt to his miraculous delivery at the Red Sea and beyond. Over and over, though his people would grumble and complain, God faithfully provided for them. In Exodus 19, God revealed his heart to Moses on Mt. Sinai. He gave Moses a system of law to show what perfect living looked like, and then, knowing they could not keep the law, he established a system of sacrifice where, through a high priest, their broken fellowship could be restored. In Exodus 25, God directs them to construct the Tabernacle—a portable dwelling place where the Israelites could come and meet with God. It was a place where they could find atonement for the times they failed to keep the Law and get back into right relationship with God.

Today, Jesus Christ is both our sacrifice and our high priest. Because of his death on the cross, you and I can become, in effect, living tabernacles. In this lesson, we'll discuss the purpose of the Tabernacle and the responses God desires from us.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Read Exodus 20:1-17 and discuss what the law teaches us about God's character.
2. Why did God establish a system of sacrifice?
3. Around the Tabernacle was a fence that prevented entry, and the only way to gain access was through the gate. The fence represented God's holiness, which said, "Stay away!" But the gate represented God's way of grace, which said, "Come in—this way!" Turn to John 14:6. How can we approach God the Father, according to this verse? What does having access to God mean to you?
4. The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." Exodus 19:8 NIV — How does God want us to respond to what he says? Discuss a situation in your life when you felt God had given you direction. How did you know God was speaking to you? Did you follow what you felt God was saying? What happened? What advice would you give someone looking for answers to the problems in his or her life?

ACT ON IT

Join us for 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. Visit rockbrook.org/prayer for resources and services to help awaken your prayer life and teach on fasting.

PRAY ABOUT IT

You, O God, made the world and everything in it. You are the Lord of heaven and earth. You do not live in temples built by hands. We praise You that today Your dwelling place is not made of curtains or even stone, but that we are Your temple, living stones built into a spiritual house on a sure foundation, with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone. In him, like the curtains of the tabernacle, we are joined together and rise to become a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling in which You live by Your Spirit.