



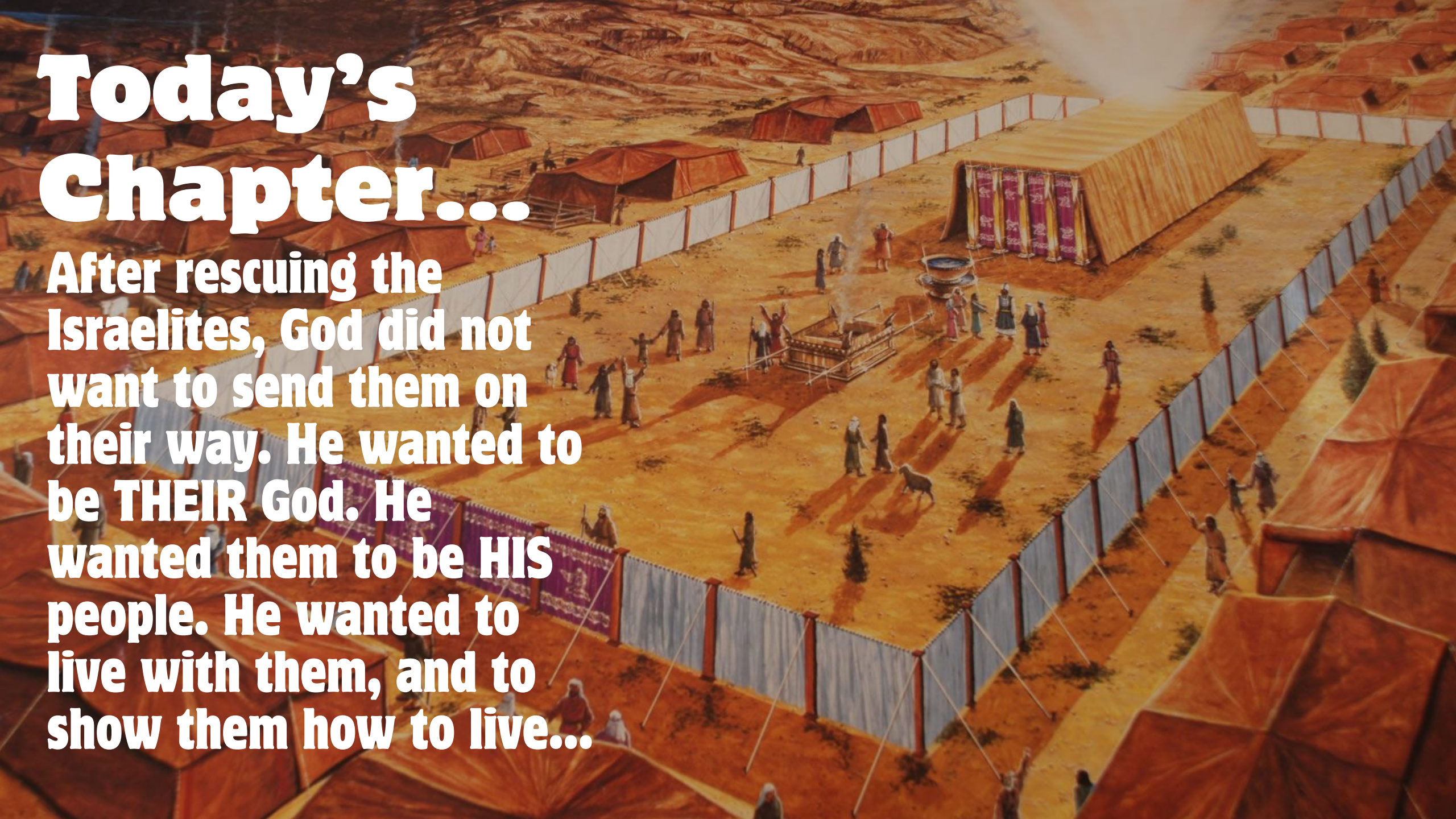
# THE BIG STORY CHAPTER 8/25

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The Law & The  
Tabernacle: God Lives  
With His People

# Today's Chapter...

After rescuing the Israelites, God did not want to send them on their way. He wanted to be THEIR God. He wanted them to be HIS people. He wanted to live with them, and to show them how to live...



# **Today's Scripture:**

## **Exodus 19:3b-6**

**The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”**

# **Today's Scripture:**

## **Exodus 40:34-38**

**Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.**



# **The Story: The Law and Tabernacle**

- **After bringing His people out of Egypt, God made a covenant, which means relationship, with the Israelites.**
- **After forming a Covenant relationship with the Israelites, God gave them the Law, which was the boundaries of the Covenant. The Law showed the Israelites how they were to live with God, and how God was going to live with them.**
- **After giving the Israelites the Law, God showed the Israelites how to build the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was the place that God chose to live in with the Israelites!**

# **Why it Matters in the Big Story**

- God does not want to be far away from us. He wants to live with us.**
- However, God wants to decide the boundaries of our relationship with Him. He wants to be our only God.**
- The Law and Tabernacle were good, but ultimately, both pointed towards Jesus!**



# **GOD IS...**

**God is intimate. That means that God wants to be very close to us and very involved in our life. He does not want to be separate from us, but wants to walk with us, cry with us, laugh with us, help us, and be loved by us!**

# Reflection Questions

1. **What did God make with the Israelites?**

**A covenant!**

2. **What was the Law?**

**The boundaries of the covenant.**

3. **What was the Tabernacle?**

**The place that God lived in near the Israelites.**

**Challenge Question: How will you be close to God this week?**