

A silhouette of a tree with a dense canopy of leaves and a complex root system. The word "ORIGINS" is written in large, bold, black capital letters across the trunk of the tree.

ORIGINS

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

Small Group

SUMMARY

Pastor Frank led us through Genesis 15 and Exodus 1-2 in our *Origins* series with a teaching entitled “Divine Defiance”. We looked at what the essence of true faith is, and how there are indeed times when defiance against tyrannical leadership is an act of faith-filled obedience to God.

APPLICATION

1. Faith: Its essence is trust in God’s Word

- Romans 10:17 says that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. How has the truth of God’s Word encouraged your faith in the past? How about recently?
- The intentional assault of the enemy is to question the Word of God. How have you witnessed this reality in our culture today?

2. Faith: Its essence is to act. For faith to be real it must do something!

- Can you give an example of how your faith in God (or faith in His word) has resulted in some action?
- What step of faith is God currently calling you to make that will require just that...a step?
- In what ways has living by faith been difficult in recent weeks for you?

3. Defiance: Is not exclusively a dirty word!

- If the concept of “defiance” is a dirty word for you, how can you adopt a more balanced view of this word?
- Why do we tend to lump the word ‘defiance’ in the all-things-wrong category?

4. Defiance: The defiance of a godly few can break the yoke of the ungodly many!

- What area of life presently do you need to practice some God-honoring defiance?
- How or where does tyranny exist in today’s society? What do you need to do to defy that tyranny?

PRAYER

To obey God’s Word, especially in the midst of opposition.

