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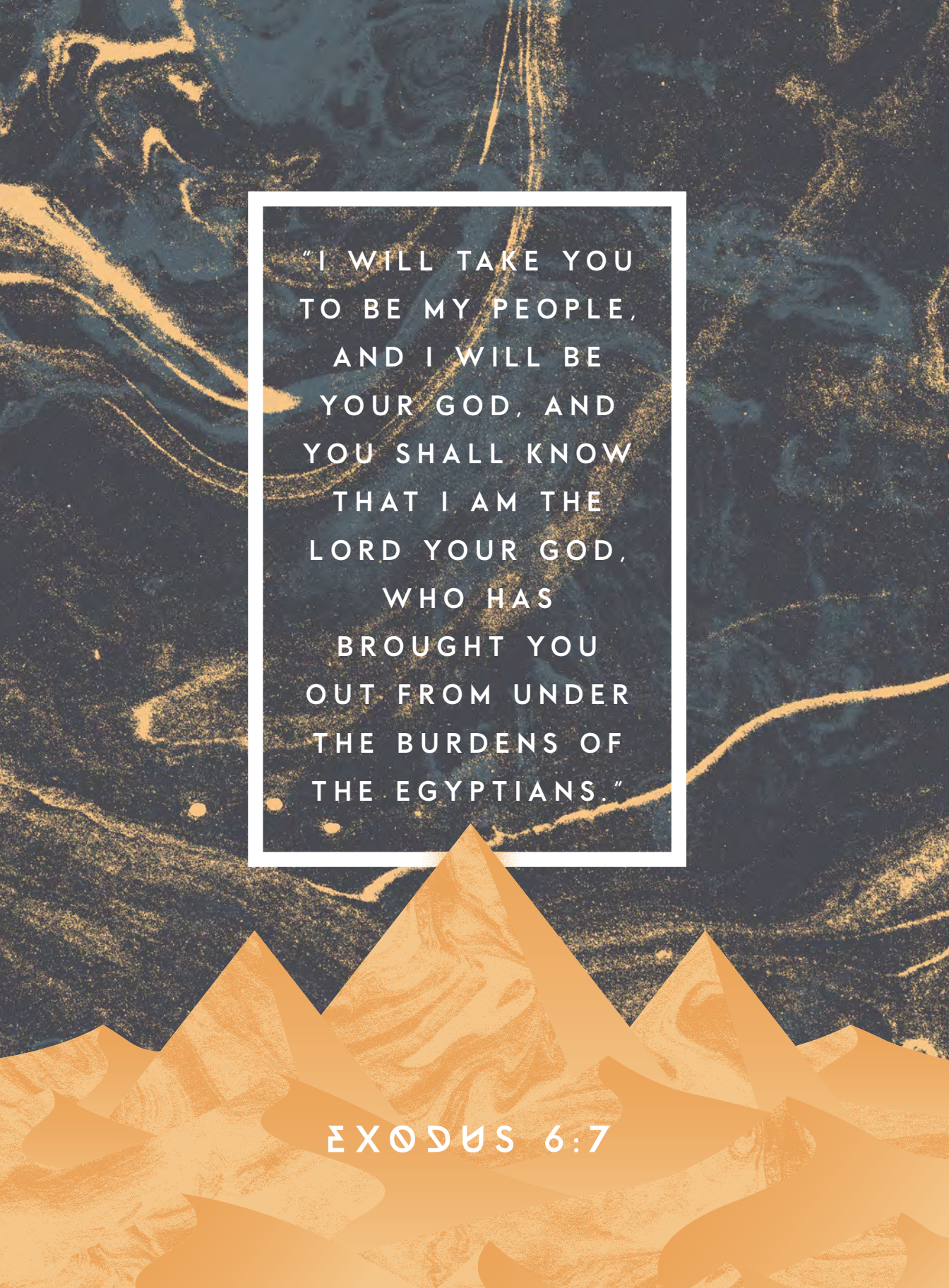
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FROM DARKNESS
TO LIGHT—THIS
IS THE STORY WE
ALL SHARE, AS THE
PEOPLE OF GOD.

HE DRAWS US OUT
TO DRAW US IN.

FROM THE BIRTH
OF ISRAEL TO THE
CHURCH TODAY,
GOD DELIVERS AND
DWELLS WITH
HIS PEOPLE.



"I WILL TAKE YOU
TO BE MY PEOPLE,
AND I WILL BE
YOUR GOD, AND
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THAT I AM THE
LORD YOUR GOD,
WHO HAS
BROUGHT YOU
OUT FROM UNDER
THE BURDENS OF
THE EGYPTIANS."

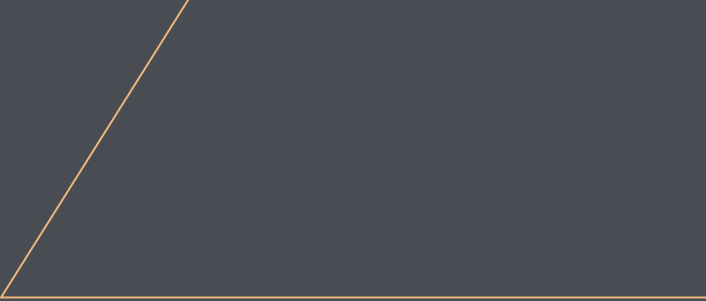
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BEFORE EXODUS: A SUMMARY OF GENESIS





The first book of the Bible, Genesis, begins with a description of God creating the universe. Everything He made—from land to light to vegetation to animals—He called “good.” Only when God created man and woman did He deem creation “very good” and complete. Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden and had dominion over creation. But it didn’t take long for the peace of Eden to shatter.

Sin entered the world and changed everything. Mankind became separated from God, banished from paradise. Nothing would be the same. As mankind multiplied, they filled the earth and corrupted it. God brought His judgment upon earth, wiping out mankind with a flood and using the family of Noah to start anew. The Lord had a plan of redemption, and He would carry it out.

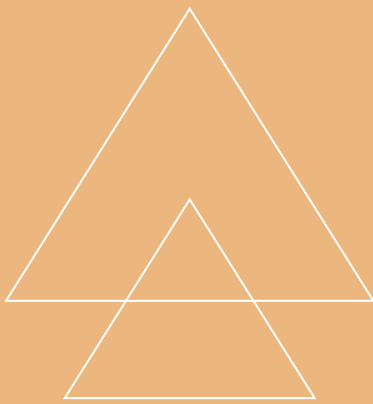
Generations passed, and the father of a future people, Abraham, was born. Abraham settled in Haran, where he received a promise from

God. The promise was this: God would make Abraham and his offspring into a great nation, and they would one day dwell in the Promised Land. Abraham then moved his family to Canaan, but when a time of drought and famine hit, he brought them to Egypt.

Years passed, and Abraham had a son, Isaac, and Isaac had a son, named Jacob. Now Jacob had 12 sons, but the youngest, Joseph, was his favorite. Joseph's brothers, in their jealousy, sold Joseph into slavery. But the Lord gave Joseph favor with the pharaoh of Egypt, and Joseph rose to power in the royal palace. And when famine ravaged the land of Canaan, Joseph's family came to Egypt, seeking food and provisions, and Joseph forgave his brothers.

So the house of Jacob remained in Egypt, and Joseph lived 110 years. But before he breathed his last, Joseph reminded the people of God's promise to draw them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.

EXODUS PARTS 1-2: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE



More than 400 years passed from the time God made His promise to Abraham, and the Israelites still had not seen its fulfillment. Instead, they lived as foreigners in the land of Egypt. The Egyptians feared that the Israelites would grow into a mighty nation and overtake them, so the pharaoh of Egypt forced them to work as slaves. Day after day, the Israelites worked in the heat of the sun and sand, the taskmasters whipping their backs, sweat stinging their wounds. But the nation of Israel continued to grow.

One day, Pharaoh sent out a terrible decree: Every son born to the Israelites would be thrown into the Nile River. But a Levite couple defied this order. When they could no longer hide their baby boy, the mother placed him in a basket and into the river, trusting God's will for his life.

And God did have a plan for the child. Pharaoh's daughter found the basket, caught in the reeds beside the river. She took pity on the crying baby and decided to take him in as her own child. She named him "Moses" because he was drawn out of the water.

The years went by, and Moses grew into a man within the walls of the palace. But when he saw the suffering of his people, anger burned within him. After he witnessed an Egyptian beating an Israelite, Moses killed the man and fled Egypt to hide in the desert.

But he could not escape the path God had for him. One day, he came upon a bush, consumed by flames but not burned to ash. Then the voice of God called out to Moses. God told Moses that He saw the persecution of His people and heard their cries. He promised to deliver them from slavery, and He commanded Moses to go before Pharaoh, the very man Moses had escaped from. Moses was terrified to return. But God sent Moses' brother, Aaron, to go with him, and they obeyed.

But Pharaoh would not listen. God had hardened his heart, and the king of Egypt would not be moved by signs and wonders. Even when Aaron's staff transformed into a snake, slithering on the sand, Pharaoh refused to believe. So the God of the Israelites brought down plagues upon Egypt. The water of the Nile turned to blood. Frogs, gnats and flies swarmed over every inch of land, and locusts consumed the fields. Darkness descended, blotting out the sun for days. Nine plagues in all, but Pharaoh's heart remained hard as stone.

To prepare for the 10th and final plague, Moses had the Israelites mark their doors with the blood of spotless lambs. That night, the Passover, the angel of death passed through the kingdom, killing the firstborn child of every Egyptian household that did not bear the mark. Not even the child of Pharaoh was spared.

With that, Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron to take the Israelites and go. They were free. Thousands of men, women and children journeyed out toward the Promised Land. By night, a pillar of fire led the people, and by daylight, a pillar of cloud. This was the Spirit of the Lord, who did not leave the people.

Then God warned Moses: Pharaoh and the Egyptian army were coming to recapture the Israelites.

When the Israelites came to the Red Sea, they cried out in fear. Certain death awaited them on either side—the sea ahead or the chariots of the Egyptian army behind. But Moses lifted his staff to the sky, and the waters parted. The Israelites passed through the towering waves that stood like walls on each side of them, but the Egyptians—they were swallowed by the sea. God had indeed drawn His people out of bondage, out of darkness, and He would dwell with them soon.

The story of Israel is also the story of us today; we are God's people. He draws us out of our sin, our Egypt, and draws us into His presence, into relationship with Him.

SHE NAMED
HIM MOSES,
"BECAUSE,"
SHE SAID,
"I DREW HIM
OUT OF THE
WATER."



EXODUS 2:10

SERMON SCHEDULE

EXODUS PART ONE

The Israelites are Slaves

God Hears the Cries of Israel

The Burning Bush

The Great I AM

Vision Sunday

EXODUS PART TWO

Wonders and Signs

Straws and Bricks

The Seven "I Wills" of Salvation

The Plagues Part 1

The Plagues Part 2

January 3

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31

February 7

February 14

February 21

February 28

March 7

THE PLAGUES



The 10 plagues of Egypt were acts of divine justice by God against the oppressors of His people. They demonstrated the power of the one, true God and exposed the gods that the Egyptians worshiped as false. Each plague corresponded to particular Egyptian gods and served to prove—both to the Egyptians and the Israelites—who the true Sovereign Ruler was.



1

// PLAGUE

Water turned to blood

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Apis, Isis, Khnum and Osiris, gods of the Nile

// EFFECT

It killed all the fish and made the water unusable, devastating the economy.



2

// PLAGUE

Frogs

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Heqet, the frog goddess

// EFFECT

Frogs invaded all the homes and later died. The Egyptians believed frogs to be sacred.



3

// PLAGUE
Gnats

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)
Set, god of the desert

// EFFECT
The dust of the desert turned to gnats and swarmed over everything—the first plague that the Egyptian sorcerers couldn't duplicate.



4

// PLAGUE
Flies

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)
Uatchit, the fly god

// EFFECT
Flies swarmed the Egyptians—the first plague that didn't also affect the Israelites.



5

// PLAGUE

Diseased livestock

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Hathor and Apis, cattle gods

// EFFECT

The Egyptian cattle died, devastating the economy further.



6

// PLAGUE

Boils

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Sekhmet, Sunu and Isis, gods over health and disease

// EFFECT

Boils covered the bodies of the Egyptians and kept the sorcerers away from the royal court.



7

// PLAGUE

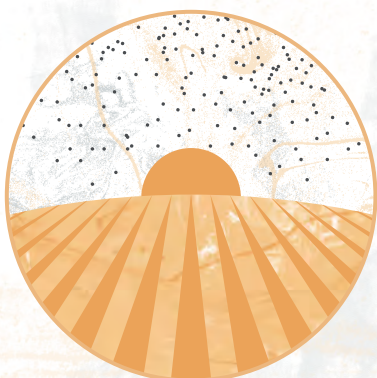
Hail

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Nut, the sky goddess, Osiris, the crop fertility god, and Set, the storm god

// EFFECT

Hail and fire ruined the Egyptians' land.



8

// PLAGUE

Locusts

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Nut, Osiris and Set

// EFFECT

The locusts devoured the Egyptian crops, preventing a harvest for that year.



9

// PLAGUE

Darkness

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Re, god of the sun, also symbolic of Pharaoh himself

// EFFECT

Darkness covered Egypt for three days, but the Israelite homes still had light.



10

// PLAGUE

Death of the Egyptian firstborn sons

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Isis, the protector of children, and also served as judgment on Pharaoh himself

// EFFECT

The angel of God killed the firstborn sons of the Egyptians but passed over the homes of the Israelites.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

ONE OF OUR HOPES FOR THE EXODUS SERIES IS TO BE FILLED WITH AWE AND WONDER BY THE LIVING GOD. HE DRAWS US OUT OF DARKNESS AND DRAWS US INTO HIS LIGHT. HERE ARE SOME ATTRIBUTES OF GOD TO LOOK FOR AND MEDITATE ON AS YOU READ, PRAY AND DISCUSS EXODUS WITHIN YOUR GROUP.

Almighty // Nothing is too hard for God.

Attentive // God hears and responds to the prayers of His children.

Compassionate // God sees, cares and acts when His children are in need.

Creator // God made everything.

Deliverer // God rescues His children.

Faithful // God always does what He says He will do.

Generous // God gives what is best.

Glorious // God shows His greatness and worth.

Good // God is what is best.

Holy // God is completely perfect and separate from sin.

Just // God is right to punish sin.

Loving // God does what is best.

Merciful // God does not give His children the punishment they deserve.

Provider // God meets the needs of His children.

Refuge // God is a place of safety and protection for His children.

Sovereign // God has the right, wisdom and power to do all that He pleases.

Unchanging // God never changes.

Wise // God knows what is best.

Worthy // Only God deserves all glory.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

// Exodus LifeChange Bible study by The Navigators

// *Exodus: Saved for God's Glory* commentary by Philip Graham Ryken

// "The Book of Exodus" videos by The Bible Project on YouTube

// Explanation of Pharaoh's Hardened Heart: www.gotquestions.org/God-harden-Pharaoh-heart.html

// Chart of the 10 Plagues: www.biblecharts.org/oldtestament/thetenplagues.pdf


// "Time, Moments and Milestones" blog post by The Village Church:
www.thevillagechurch.net/the-village-blog/time-moments-and-milestones/

// Explanation of Exodus 4:24-26: www.gotquestions.org/kill-Moses.html



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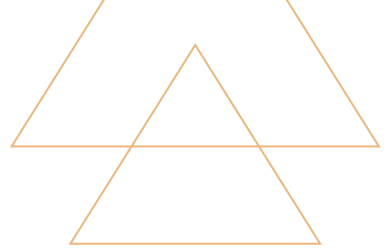
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GOD SAID TO
MOSES, "I AM
WHO I AM."
AND HE SAID,
"SAY THIS TO
THE PEOPLE
OF ISRAEL, 'I
AM HAS SENT
ME TO YOU.'"

EXODUS 3:14

READING PLAN



PART ONE

Exodus 1-3

Exodus 3:10-15

BREAK

PART TWO

Exodus 3:16-4:31

Exodus 5

Exodus 6

Exodus 7:1-9:12

Exodus 9:13-11:10

January 11 – January 16

January 18 – January 23

January 25 – January 30

February 1 – February 6

February 8 – February 13

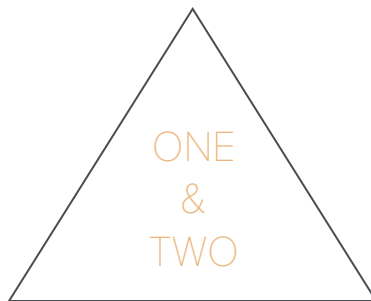
February 15 – February 20

February 22 – February 27

March 1 – March 6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PARTS



AS WE BEGIN OUR STUDY OF
EXODUS, SPEND SOME TIME PRAYING
THROUGH THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

// Ask the Lord to increase your desire to read His Word. Ask for understanding as you read each week in preparation to discuss the passage with your group. The Exodus reading plan can be found on p. 16.

// Thank the Lord for giving us His Word and letting us know the story of Exodus. Thank Him for continuing His story through our stories. Ask God to open your eyes to the ways He draws us out to draw us in.

// Think about specific areas of sin and darkness God has drawn you out of. Praise Him for rescuing you. Ask for strength to confess sin and flee from any darkness in which you currently find yourself.

// Throughout our study, we will see many different attributes of God. Think of as many words as you can to describe God, and praise Him for who He is. For some examples, look at the “Attributes of God” list on p. 13.

// Pray that your group would have fruitful discussion each week and that, through the study of God’s Word, you will grow together and pursue Christ with all your hearts.

// Ask God to tune your heart to the Holy Spirit as He makes you aware of time, moments and milestones to leverage for fruitful discipleship throughout this study.

// Pray for unity in the church as we walk through Exodus together. Ask the Lord to speak through our teachers who will teach each weekend and to sustain them through this long series. Thank the Lord for your gospel-centered community, and ask Him to help you hold one another accountable throughout this study.

WEEK I // GOD HEARS THE CRIES OF ISRAEL

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OPEN

To set the stage, review the opening scenes of Exodus with your group. Who are the main characters? Where do they find themselves? Why?

Ask someone to share with the group the hardest season they've have ever had to endure.

Ask the group to describe what it would have felt like to be a Hebrew living in Egypt during the time described.

As we move into Moses' story, have a group member read Exodus 2:23-25 aloud.

How would you describe the tone of this passage?

REFLECT

Why does the text mention that the king of Egypt died? Think back to why Moses is not currently in Egypt (2:15). How might this detail affect the storyline?

Have a group member read Genesis 17:1-6. Why do you think God's covenant is mentioned at this point in the Exodus narrative?

How does the description of God in 2:24-25 place Him in stark contrast to the gods of wood and stone worshiped by the Egyptians?

APPLY

The original readers of Exodus were the generation of Israelites about to enter the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering. How would the words of 2:24-25 been a comfort to them? How should they comfort us?

In the midst of their suffering, how aware do you think the Israelites were that God heard, remembered, saw and knew? Why is it good for us to meditate on these truths in both good times and bad?

CLOSE

What attribute of God did you see in this week's passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

WEEK 2 // THE BURNING BUSH

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OPEN

Have a group member read Exodus 3 aloud. Then have another group member read Acts 7:30-34.

How does the account in Acts add to your understanding of the account in Exodus?

REFLECT

What purpose does this “scene” in the life of Moses serve? How does it look back to what has already occurred and prepare us for what is to come?

How should Moses have responded to God’s statements in Exodus 3:10? What does his actual response reveal?

Summarize God’s words to Moses in chapter 3 in one sentence. What is the main point He expresses to Moses?

APPLY

Have you ever thought or said, “If God would just tell me explicitly what to do, I would do it”? How does the story of Moses and the burning bush challenge that statement? Why do we still hesitate to obey, even when the will of God is clear?

God spoke to Moses from a burning bush. Today, He speaks to us from His Word. What clear command from Scripture are you slow to obey? What immediate obedience do you need to practice this week? How does God’s response to Moses urge you to walk forward in obedience?

CLOSE

What attribute of God did you see in this week’s passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

WEEK 3 // THE GREAT I AM

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OPEN

Have a group member read Exodus 3:10-15 aloud.

Have you ever been sent by someone to deliver good news? Bad news? How did it feel? Describe the sender. Why did they ask you to deliver the news?

REFLECT

Why do you think God chose Moses to be the one to deliver His message to Pharaoh? Think through Moses' character. Is there anything on the surface that might have disqualified him?

How do you think Moses must have felt contemplating what it would be like to return to Egypt with God's instructions?

In v. 11, Moses tries to make it clear to God that he is not the right person to deliver this message. In v. 13, Moses asks God for more clarity in instructions. How does God react to Moses' reservations?

APPLY

What is the connection between God saving His people and God sending His people? If you have accepted Christ and are saved by God's grace, do you consider yourself to be a messenger sent for a purpose?

What is the biggest hurdle that is stopping you in your full obedience as a messenger to others of God's plan for salvation? If God knows our hesitations, but saves and sends us anyway, what could be your greatest act of obedience this next week in this area?

CLOSE

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WEEK 4 // WONDERS AND SIGNS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OPEN

Have a group member read Exodus 3:16-3:22., Have a second member read Exodus 4 aloud.

What kind of situation is most likely to cause you to doubt your abilities?

REFLECT

In 4:1-12, God responds to Moses' credibility concerns by giving him three miraculous signs and an assurance about his deficiency of speech. What does Moses believe is necessary to serve God? What does God indicate is necessary?

In 4:13-14, God responds to Moses' fifth objection with anger. Does this response surprise you? Why or why not? In light of his mission, why might it have been important for Moses to remember that God's anger toward sin is part of His character?

In 4:15-31, Moses responds obediently to God's command to return to Egypt. However, despite knowing that his sons should have been circumcised on the eighth day, he hadn't done so. (For further explanation on this scene, visit www.gotquestions.org/kill-Moses.html.) God required Moses to obey in personal matters as well as in public ones. Why is integrity in personal matters so important for someone in public ministry?

APPLY

After five objections to His clear command, God's anger is kindled. Have a group member read Psalm 145:8. Have another group member read James 1:19-20. How is God's anger different from man's anger? Which situations are most likely to elicit an angry response from you? What practical strategies can help us avoid sinning in our anger?

Why is integrity in personal matters important for every believer, whether they're in public ministry or not? What private sins are you most likely to justify or downplay?

CLOSE

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WEEK 5 // STRAWS AND BRICKS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OPEN

Have a group member read Exodus 5 aloud.

What one word would you use to describe the tone of chapter 5? Why?

REFLECT

Moses obediently goes to Egypt to confront Pharaoh. What do you think Moses expected to happen? What is surprising about the outcome? What is unsurprising?

What tactic does Pharaoh employ to undermine Moses? Why is it effective?

What does Moses' response to God in 5:22-23 reveal about his state of mind? About his faith?

APPLY

How does this week's text challenge the idea that our obedience obligates God to bless us and grant us an easy life? How does it challenge the idea that the Christian life is free from doubt?

How prone are you to discouragement when obedience to God does not yield an immediate, discernible blessing? What is a better motive for obedience than to gain a reward?

CLOSE

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WEEK 6 // THE 7 "I WILLS" OF SALVATION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OPEN

Have a group member read Exodus 6:1-13 aloud.

What purpose does this section of the text serve? Why is it included here?

REFLECT

Look again at vv. 6-8. God begins and ends His message with, "I am the LORD." Why do you think He does this? What are the implications of this repeated statement?

What sort of relationship is God planning for Israel and Himself? Did God know that Israel would be difficult? Why does He keep pursuing them?

What parallels do you see between Moses and Jesus in this portion of the story? Connect the themes of rejection, discouragement and obedience between the two men.

APPLY

Have you ever been in a place where God's promises and the good news of a bright future have been unbelievable? When was a time when the pain of the moment made it seem like there was no way out?

Moses and Aaron knew they had to obey God, even when the people of God felt like it was a lost cause. Are there ways the Church has given up on serving and obeying God because it seems like a lost cause? How can you persist in spite of this? How can you encourage your brothers and sisters forward?

CLOSE

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WEEK 7 // THE PLAGUES, PART I

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OPEN

Have several group members read Exodus 7:14-9:12 aloud. (For an overview of the plagues, visit www.biblecharts.org/oldtestament/thetenplagues.pdf.)

In your opinion, which of the first six plagues would be the hardest to endure? Why?

REFLECT

How would the first six plagues have impacted the Egyptians economically? Practically (in their day-to-day lives)? Psychologically?

By the third plague, Pharaoh's magicians draw a correct conclusion. What is it (see 8:18-19)? Knowing that seven more plagues are coming, what does this tell us about Pharaoh's resolve? His belief in the strength of his own gods?

What do you notice about Pharaoh's responses to each of the plagues as they progress? How do his tactics change? What do they indicate he believes is true of Yahweh? Of himself?

APPLY

Have you ever received a warning from God and continued in sin? What was the outcome? How would the outcome have been different if you had heeded earlier correction? Is there a warning you are currently choosing to ignore?

The first three plagues affect both the Egyptians and the Israelites, but the rest affect only the Egyptians. Why does God sometimes allow the just to suffer for the sins of the unjust? What should be our attitude in those times?

CLOSE

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WEEK 8 // THE PLAGUES, PART 2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OPEN

Have several group members read Exodus 9:13-11:10 aloud. (For an overview of the plagues, visit www.biblecharts.org/oldtestament/thetenplagues.pdf.)

What's the greatest physical discomfort you've ever endured? What did you learn from it?

REFLECT

During the eighth and ninth plagues, Pharaoh's verbal response takes an interesting turn. Look back at 9:27 and 10:16. Discuss his verbal response in light of his continued refusal to let the Israelites go. What is the difference between confession and repentance?

Compare Moses' words in 11:8 to God's words back in 7:1. How has Moses' confidence in God grown, even as Pharaoh's heart has hardened?

Note Moses' disposition at the end of 11:8. Why do you think this detail is included? How does this reveal his disposition toward God? Toward the Egyptian people, who acknowledge his authority (11:3)? Toward their stubborn ruler, Pharaoh?

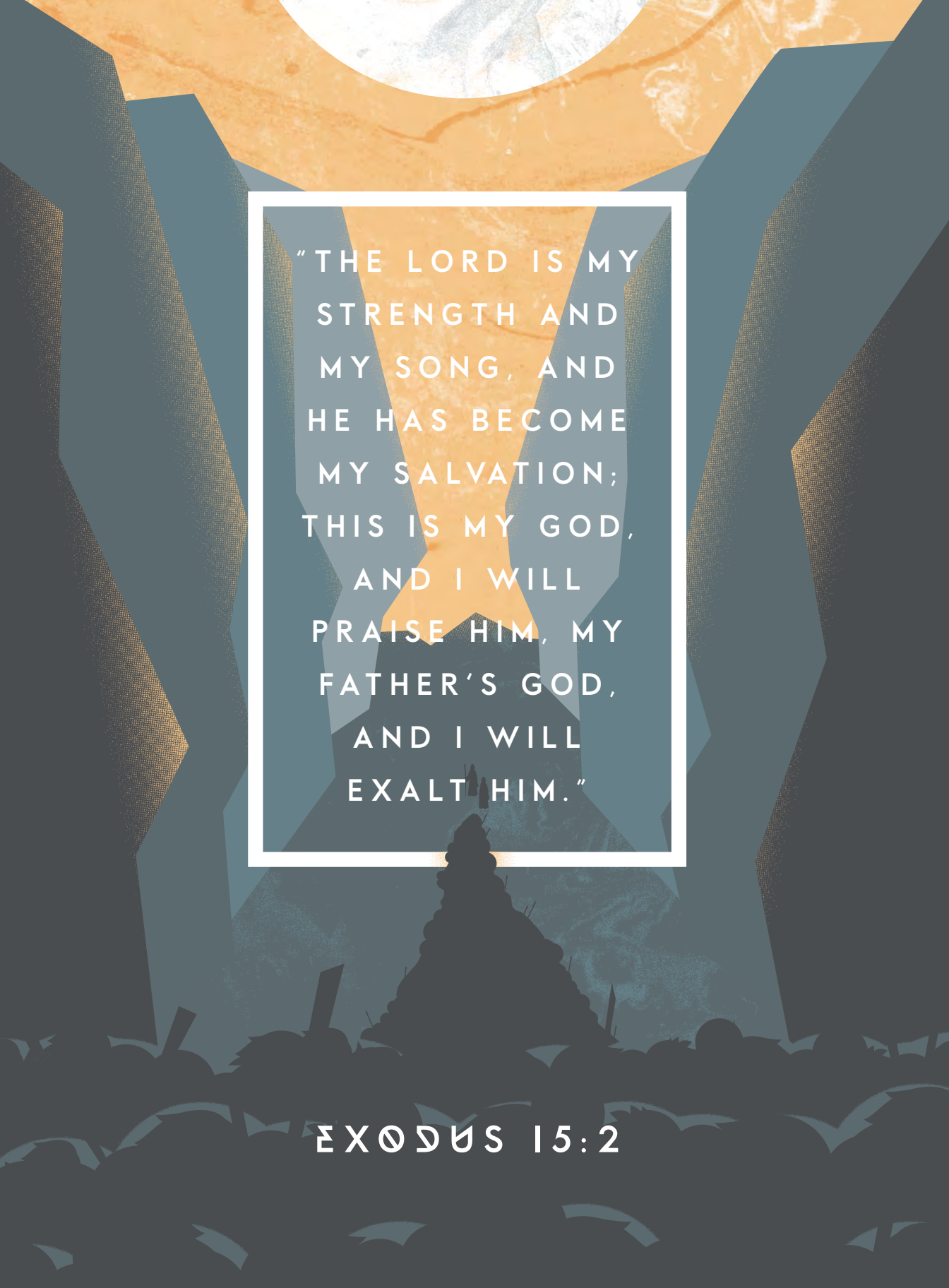
APPLY

Though we may not want to admit it, we often employ bargaining tactics with God, just as Pharaoh did. When are we most likely to bargain instead of repent? What faulty thinking about ourselves and our God does bargaining reveal?

Why did the Egyptian people react differently to Moses than Pharaoh did? How does pride keep us from recognizing the activity of God in our lives, even when others around us are seeing it? How is pride currently blinding you to God's will in your life?

CLOSE

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"THE LORD IS MY
STRENGTH AND
MY SONG, AND
HE HAS BECOME
MY SALVATION;
THIS IS MY GOD,
AND I WILL
PRAISE HIM, MY
FATHER'S GOD,
AND I WILL
EXALT HIM."

EXODUS 15:2

