

Weekly Devotional

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Session 4 – Deliverance

“Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand.” Exodus 13:3

God continues to tell his story through the life of Moses. Moses, a man, who was reluctant to do what God asked him to do. He did not think he was good enough. He had run from his past mistakes and did not want to go back.

The very name of the book where we find this story serves as a reminder when we face our “walls.” “Exodus” is a compound Greek word meaning “the way out.” And in case you might have missed it, the way out was not a better job, a different spouse, or a victim mentality.

No, the way out is God. Next time you find yourself up against a wall try looking to him. God saw Moses differently. God saw exactly what he needed in Moses to continue to get us back.

Read Ch. 4 in The Story book or in your Bible:

Exodus 1:6-14, 22; 2:1-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17,27-31; 5:19-6:8; 7:8-24; 10:27-11:1, 4-8; 12:1-3, 5-8, 11-13, 21-24, 28-33, 40-41; 13:21-22; 14:1-29; 15:22-27; 16:1-3, 6-15; 17:1-7.

Think on these questions:

1. God is dramatically active in his people's deliverance – he is engaged, he cares. Looking specifically at Exodus 3:7-10, what do you learn about God in the following areas:
 - What did God see, hear, and feel?
 - What did God say *he* would do?
 - What did God call *Moses* to do?
2. How did Moses see himself and his abilities and how did God see him? (Exodus 4:10-12)
3. What is one area of your life where you tend to focus more on your limitations than God's ability to work through you?

Closing Prayer:

As you take time to pray, here are some ideas to get you started:

- Thank God that he uses limited, ordinary, and even broken people to accomplish his purposes in this world.
- Ask God to help you see yourself through his eyes more than through your own eyes.
- Confess where you have refused to follow God out of fear and pray for greater courage in the future.

Personal Action:

Part of faith is taking action. Surrender to the leading of the Lord, but also take action. God will do his part, but we need to do our part. God called Moses, but Moses had to head back to Egypt and stand before Pharaoh. What is God calling you to do? Join the prayer team, start a Bible study, get involved in a mission of the church.