

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

1/13/18

Text: Exodus 1:1-14 & 2:23-25 (ESV)

Title: The Heart of God for Salvation

Teacher: Luke Wolfe

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

In the sermon this morning, we began our series in the book of Exodus, where we find God's people, Israel, in slavery in Egypt and crying out for God to save them. As we heard, the book of Exodus is not primarily about the 10 plagues in Egypt, or even the 10 Commandments, although those are key points. Exodus is primarily about God fulfilling His promises and calling His people out of their captivity, redeeming them and making them His people so that He could dwell with them and they could dwell with him. In this passage we saw that although Israel is guilty of sin and is shown their dependence on God through their slavery in Egypt, God is still faithful to fulfill his promises to make them a great nation, and to work through His mediator (Moses, and later Jesus) to call his people out of their Physical AND Spiritual bondage, redeem them from that sin and brokenness and give them His spirit, because He loved them.

Reflection Questions:

- Luke told the story about the pain and fear of waiting to be with his wife and kids while his son suffered from a seizure. Israel had to wait 400 years (10 generations), for God to save them from Egypt.*

 - What is the longest you've ever had to wait for God to move?***
 - What areas of struggle or sin could have been avoided if you had simply waited for God to act?***
- Israel was physically in bondage to Egypt, but Egypt was in their own kind of bondage and slavery to Pharaoh, and ultimately to themselves. As was said, we were meant to be ruled and owned, but not by other people (slavery), and not by ourselves (sinful passions), we were meant to be owned by God.*

 - How has God taught you dependence and patience?***
 - Where can you see the areas that you've tried to be freed from a "slavery" to someone or something else, just to become enslaved to yourself?***
- As Luke said, God promises to never leave us, and that He is in control of every single detail.*

 - What if we really believed that God was active and in control even though we may not see it, feel it, remember it, or even like it; if you knew without a doubt that you are in God's hands, how would that change the way you live?***

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)

1. ADORATION *(The Father)*

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

2. CONFESSION *(Me)*

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

3. THANKSGIVING *(Jesus)*

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

4. SUPPLICATION *(Holy Spirit)*

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

5. Prepare for Gospel Community *(My Neighbor)*

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.

Prayer Items

- 1. Worship the LORD, for His fulfilling of all His promises, in His time, and according to His plan. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for calling us out of our slavery and sin to make us His people and dwell in our midst.*
- 2. How have you lived as if you don't need to be rescued; or, where have you lost hope of God coming through to rescue you and make you His? Confess your pride and unbelief to God and ask for His help to love and live for Him.*
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for leaving the perfect community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit to act as our mediator, to call us out of slavery to sin, and to make us His people.*
- 4. Who do you know that has lost hope of God's rescue, or doesn't even believe they need to be rescued? Pray for them, asking Holy Spirit to soften their hearts and help them see the beauty of Jesus and trust in Him.*
- 5. Ask Holy Spirit to work into your heart His hope, patience and faith, trusting that He has every single detail in His hands, and equipping you to serve Him wherever He's called you.*