

RESISTS THE DEVIL

Leader Guide



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Sermon Outline

Text: Exodus 3:7–10, 16–17

Big Idea: God provides a rescue **from Evil for Good**.

1. **Introduction: Milk & Honey—Sweet and Complicated**
 - “Milk and honey” signals God’s abundant goodness, but it meets people in real pain.
 - Exodus 3 is where promise meets rescue: God’s provision is **a rescue**.
2. **God Sees, Hears, Knows (v.7)**
 - “I have surely seen... I have heard... I know” — God’s intimate awareness (yada) of our griefs.
 - Correcting the lie: suffering ≠ God’s ignorance or absence.
3. **Rescue Has Two Movements**
 - A) **Out of Grief**
 - Israel’s slavery/pain; our griefs arise from our choices, others’ sin, and a broken world.
 - God does not abandon His people; He initiates deliverance.
 - B) **Into Good (vv.8, 17)**
 - A **good** and **spacious** land “flowing with milk and honey”: not luxury but wholeness, safety, flourishing.
 - God’s goodness is literal (pasture/honey) and symbolic (abundance under covenant).
4. **The Six Verbs of Divine Action (link each pair with “so”)**
 - **I have seen... so I have come down**
 - **I have heard... so I will rescue**
 - **I am concerned... so I will bring them up out of**
 - Theological (God’s character), Geographical (Egypt → Canaan), Vocational (slaves → stewards).
5. **Rescued For Purpose**
 - We’re saved **from** sin and death and also saved **for** mission, worship, generosity, and becoming a rescue to others.
 - “Milk & honey” always carries a moral call: remember, obey, and overflow (cf. Deut 8:6–7).
6. **From Land to Lord (NT Fulfillment)**
 - In Christ, “milk & honey” becomes the Spirit’s grace nourishing God’s people everywhere (Col 1:13–14).
 - Early-church milk-and-honey baptism imagery: life in Christ as the true Promised Land.
7. **Response: Communion & Calling**
 - At the Cross, God brings us out of darkness **into** the kingdom of His Son.
 - Invitation to trust, obey, and participate in God’s rescuing goodness.

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Discussion Questions

Head (understanding/clarity)

1. In Exodus 3, what do God's repeated verbs ("seen," "heard," "know," "come down," "rescue," "bring up") reveal about His character and His approach to human suffering?
2. How does the phrase "a land flowing with milk and honey" function both literally and symbolically for Israel—and how is that fulfilled for Christians in Christ?
3. Why is biblical rescue **from** something **and into** something? Identify both movements in Exodus 3 and in the gospel.
4. What is the theological, geographical, and vocational dimension of Israel's rescue, and how might each dimension translate to a follower of Jesus today?
5. Deuteronomy ties "milk & honey" to obedience and gratitude. How does that protect us from a prosperity-gospel misunderstanding of blessing?

Heart (reflection/formation)

1. Where do you most need to hear "I have seen... I have heard... I know" from the Lord right now?
2. Which lie about suffering do you tend to believe (e.g., "God doesn't see," "He won't act," "I'm abandoned")? What truth from Exodus 3 corrects it?
3. When you picture the "good and spacious land," what godly desires (not fleshly cravings) rise in your heart? Why?
4. Think of a past grief God has brought you **out of**. How has that reshaped your trust and worship today?
5. What stirs your affection for Jesus more: remembering His rescue **from** darkness or His calling **into** His kingdom? Explain.

Hands (practice/action)

1. Identify one concrete grief, bondage, or injustice in your world. What is a first faithful step you can take this week to seek God's rescue in it (prayer, confession, counsel, advocacy)?
2. Choose one act of obedience tied to gratitude (Deut 8:6–7) you will practice daily this week—name it and schedule it.
3. How can you become part of God's provision "for good" to someone else—time, resources, hospitality, advocacy—within the next seven days?
4. Write a brief testimony (3–5 sentences) of God bringing you **out of** something and **into** good. Share it with one person to encourage them.
5. During communion or personal devotion, pair confession (out of) with commitment (into): what will you lay down, and what Spirit-led practice will you take up?

Leader Tips (optional)

- Open with the "two-movement" diagram (Out of → Into) and keep returning to it as a thread.
- Keep stories brief but present: rescue is personal and communal.
- Close by inviting tangible responses (cards, prayer teams, sign-ups for care/hospitality).