

Message Notes

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His Story. Our Story
Slavery - Exodus 1:6-14; 11-12
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- ◆ The Bible is THE _____ that makes _____ of life.
- ◆ _____ included sending His people to Egypt to save them. (Gen. 37-50)
- ◆ God _____ the Israelites in Egypt, but it was not His plan to leave them there. (Gen. 46:1-4)

Enslaved:

- ◆ The Israelites began living _____. (Josh. 24:14-15; Ez. 20:4-11)
- ◆ Something had to change to stop living the _____.

Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. *Exodus 1:8*
So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor...*Exodus 1:11*

- ◆ We are _____ to anything or anyone that we believe will fulfill a need or desire apart from God. (Rom. 6:6, 18-22, 8:15; Gal. 4-5:1; 2 Pet. 2:19)

Cry Out:

And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel – and God knew. *Exodus 2:24-25*

- ◆ Crying out = _____ – to our own bondage. (Ex. 3:9; 1 Sam. 9:16)
- ◆ Crying out requires one thing: _____. (Ps. 107; Dan. 9:4-6; 1 John 1:9)
- ◆ When we cry out, God _____, _____ and _____. (Num 20:16; Ps 5:2; 6:9; 34:15; 40)

A Deliverer and Deliverance:

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. *Exodus 12:13*

- ◆ The Lord raised up a _____ – _____. (Ex. 2-Dt. 34)
- ◆ God delivered His people through the sacrifice & _____ of an innocent _____. (Ex. 11-12)
- ◆ Ultimately, a _____ deliverer & deliverance was needed - _____. (1 Cor. 5:7; 15:55-57; Heb. 9:11-28, 10:1-18)
- ◆ Am I _____ for freedom or _____ Jesus?

Types of Slavery or Bondage:

- In bondage to what others think about you, or what you think of yourself, rather than what God thinks about you.
- In bondage to being or feeling needed. You rely on other people to bolster your self-worth.
- Enslaved to believing you are loved for what you can offer or do, not who you are. The insidious lie of “if they really knew me...”
- In bondage to believing you have a tragic flaw, and it’s worse than anyone else. This leads to hidden shame.
- Slavery to fear:
 - Fear of the unknown. The bondage of feeling incompetent or incapable if you haven’t mastered something.
 - Fear that your needs won’t be met. Enslaved to always thinking about how to figure out how to get your needs met. And along with that fear comes anxiety. You struggle to trust God to provide what you need.
 - Fear that you are going to miss out on something. Enslaved to fulfilling all your desires.
- In bondage to controlling things. Your significance is determined by having the final say over what happens to you. And, if you’re honest it’s easier (and maybe even better) to trust in yourself than to trust in God.
- In bondage to ensuring that life is comfortable, maintaining the status quo and preserving the peace without conflict.
- Enslaved to perfection. You believe you (and others) need to be mistake free and perfect. In bondage to trying harder.