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Few books are as fundamental to the Christian faith as the book of Exodus. Exodus not only teaches us about the redemption of God's people, Israel, it provides us with a paradigm for understanding God's future redemption of humanity. The people of Israel were physically enslaved in Egypt. Humanity today is spiritually enslaved to sin. God redeemed Israel enabling them to cross over out of Egypt. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, we are enabled to cross over into life from our sin. When we understand the book of Exodus, we understand God, his grace, and ultimately our redemption.

Our only hope as God's people is found in God himself.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Exodus 34

The Lord said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. **2** Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. **3** No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain." **4** So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. **5** The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. **6** The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, **7** keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." **8** And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. **9** And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

10 And he said, "Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the

people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

11 "Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

12 Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. **13** You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim **14** (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), **15** lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, **16** and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods.

17 "You shall not make for yourself any gods of cast metal.

18 "You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib, for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt. **19** All that open the womb are mine, all your male livestock, the firstborn of cow and sheep. **20** The firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before me empty-handed.

21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. **22** You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end. **23** Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel. **24** For I will cast out nations before you and enlarge your borders; no one shall covet your land, when you go up to appear before the Lord your God three times in the year.

25 "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with anything leavened, or let the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover remain until the morning. **26** The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

27 And the Lord said to Moses, "Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." **28** So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his

face shone because he had been talking with God. **30** Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. **31** But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. **32** Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. **33** And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

34 Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, **35** the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

- At the beginning of Pastor Dustin's message, he asked three questions: Have you ever been let down? Have you ever let someone down? Have you ever let yourself down? Think through your own life. How have these experiences made you feel?
- If you remember Exodus 33, Moses asks the Lord to see his glory. God does just this in Exodus 34:5–7. How does the Lord reveal his glory to Moses?
- How is the glory of the Lord connected with how the Lord describes himself in verses 5–7?
- The Lord describes himself as merciful and gracious. How have you experienced the Lord's mercy and grace?
- In Exodus 34:10–28 the Lord reiterates his commandments, especially the 10 Commandments. Why does the Lord need to do this again for Israel?
- How is the Lord still faithful and clear to us?
- Pastor Dustin gave some examples of what it is like to experience something glorious? What are some examples of your own life when you have experienced something glorious and breathtaking?
- The Apostle Paul picks up what Moses and the Israelites experience in 2 Corinthians 3:7–18. Read that passage. How does Paul use this Exodus story?
- Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." How is the Spirit connected to Exodus 34?
- With Exodus 34 in mind, what is the freedom that Paul references here?

- Paul tells us that because we have the Holy Spirit, we can behold the Lord unlike the Israelites were ever able to do. What does it look like to behold the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit?
- Our only hope as God's people is found in God himself. How can you increase your faith and reliance upon the Lord rather than anything else?