

SERIES GUIDE
PART TWO

ECHOS OF
EXODUS

OUT OF EGYPT INTO IDENTITY



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INTRODUCTION

The Exodus story is one of the most defining moments in all of Scripture—a powerful account of liberation, confrontation, and the faithfulness of God. But it's not just ancient history. These events—Moses' calling, Pharaoh's resistance, the Passover night, and the parting of the sea—continue to speak to our present realities. They invite us to wrestle with deep questions about obedience, suffering, pride, trust, and ultimately, the character of God.

As you reflect on the following questions, allow yourself to be honest—with God, with Scripture, and with your own heart. The goal isn't to find perfect answers, but to enter into a conversation with God that shapes your understanding and strengthens your faith.

Whether you're feeling stuck, questioning God's timing, or wondering how His justice and mercy fit together, this journey through Exodus (and the “second exodus” theme found in Isaiah and the New Testament) offers both challenge and hope. You may just discover that God's path to freedom is bigger, deeper, and more beautiful than you imagined.

Take your time.

Sit with the questions.

And let the God who rescues meet you in your own story.

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WEEK 5: MOSES, PHARAOH AND THE PLAGUES

When have you felt like obeying God made your situation worse, not better?

Moses and the Israelites expected immediate rescue, but instead experienced deeper oppression. How do you respond when God's timing doesn't meet your expectations?

What does Pharaoh's refusal to acknowledge Yahweh teach us about pride and control?

Have you ever resisted God's authority because it threatened your comfort, plans, or sense of power?

In Exodus 7:3, God says, "I will harden Pharaoh's heart."

How do you wrestle with the tension between God's sovereignty and human responsibility? Can you think of a time when you or someone you know became hardened to God's voice over time? What might have helped soften that heart?

God reassured Moses by reminding him of His covenant & identity (Exodus 6:2-8).

What truths about who God is have helped anchor you during times of discouragement or failure?

Moses expresses doubt and frustration to God (Exodus 5:22-23).

Are you comfortable being honest with God about your doubts, fears, or confusion? Why or why not? What does this passage teach us about God's response to honest prayer?

WEEK 6: THE PASSOVER

How have you experienced God's protection or provision in a time of crisis?

Like the blood on the doorposts marked God's protection, what signs of His care have you seen in your life during moments of fear or uncertainty?

Have you ever struggled to understand God's justice, especially when it seems severe?

How do you process stories like the death of the firstborn in Egypt? What helps you trust God's justice, even when it's hard to understand?

God commanded Israel to remember their deliverance through regular traditions.

Are there spiritual practices or stories in your life that help you remember what God has done for you? How do you pass those on to others, especially the next generation?

The Israelites had to act in faith, applying the blood and preparing to leave Egypt quickly.

What is something you've had to do "by faith" before seeing how it would turn out? What did that experience teach you about trusting God?

Pharaoh's heart was hardened until the very end.

Is there an area in your life where you've felt resistance to God's voice? What helps soften your heart instead of hardening it when God confronts you with truth or change?

WEEK 7: RED SEA DELIVERANCE

Have you ever felt trapped with no way out, like the Israelites at the Red Sea?

What did you learn about God's power or timing in that situation?

God led the Israelites on a longer, more difficult route to protect them (Exodus 13:17-18).

Can you think of a time when a detour or delay in your life turned out to be for your good? How did it shape your faith or perspective?

The Israelites were terrified and cried out when Pharaoh's army approached (Exodus 14:10).

How do you typically respond when fear sets in? What helps you move from panic to trust?

Moses told the people, "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still" (Exodus 14:14).

What might it look like in your life right now to "be still" and trust God to fight for you?

God hardened Pharaoh's heart again, leading to his downfall (Exodus 14:4, 8).

Are there areas in your life where you're resisting God's direction or voice? What would it take for you to respond with a soft, willing heart instead?

WEEK 8: ECHOES OF EXODUS II

How does the concept of a "second exodus" challenge or expand your understanding of God's redemptive work throughout history?

Isaiah transforms the exodus narrative into something even greater - what implications does this have?

The New Testament writers drew heavily on this Isaiah-themed "new exodus" framework.

How might recognising these Old Testament roots change how you read familiar New Testament passages? Consider what it means that early Christians saw Jesus' ministry through the lens of this "second exodus".

What does it mean for us that God creates an even greater rescue story than the Exodus?

How does this pattern of God doing "new things" that build on but exceed His past works speak to your expectations of how God might work in your own life or the world today?

Isaiah's vision expands from God caring for one nation to God welcoming all nations.

God's redemptive plan moves from focusing primarily on Israel to embracing people from every background. How do you wrestle with the implications of such an expansive divine love?

A "highway in the wilderness" is a literal road home and a symbol of spiritual transformation.

Where do you see God preparing unexpected pathways in desert seasons of life? Consider how God's promise to make "rivers in the wasteland" might apply to your personal situations that seem hopeless or barren.

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