

THE BIG STORY

FROM CREATION TO CHRIST

WEEK 4

SAVED BY THE LAMB: Exodus and the Pattern of Redemption

DAILY READING – Feb 9th-13th

Mon – Exodus 1–2

Tue – Exodus 3–6

Wed – Exodus 7–11

Thu – Exodus 12

Fri – Exodus 13–14

DEVOTIONAL

Saved by the Lamb: Exodus and the Pattern of Redemption

Memory Verse: “When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” **Exodus 12:13**

Story Thread: “God saves His people not merely by power, but by substitution.”

The book of Exodus opens with God’s people crying out for freedom yet quickly reveals that bondage runs deeper than chains. Israel is enslaved not only by Pharaoh’s power, but by a system that forgets God, erases dignity, and demands constant production. What began as protection turns into oppression, and Egypt becomes Scripture’s enduring image of sin’s enslaving power—promising life while slowly taking it away.

When God hears Israel’s cries, He does not act impulsively. Scripture says God remembered His covenant. Redemption begins not with human righteousness, but with divine faithfulness. God’s rescue is promise-driven, rooted in commitments made long before Israel ever suffered in Egypt. From the beginning, salvation is intentional, not accidental.

The plagues reveal God’s supremacy over Egypt’s false gods, but they also teach an important lesson: power alone does not save. Even after displays of unmatched power, Israel remains enslaved. Liberation and redemption are not the same. Chains can be broken without guilt being removed. Something more is required.

That “something more” comes on the night of Passover. A spotless lamb is chosen, sacrificed, and its blood applied. On that night, the difference between life and death is not identity, morality, or heritage, but substitution. God does not say, “When I see Israel,” but “When I see the blood.” Salvation comes when another life is given in place of our own.

Exodus does not end at the doorposts. It leads God’s people to the edge of the sea, where freedom still requires trust. The God who saves by the lamb is the same God who makes a way through the waters. Redemption begins with blood, but it is lived out by stepping forward in faith.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

TALK What does it mean to be trapped or stuck? Why do you think God wanted to help His people be free?

READ Exodus 12:13 and Exodus 14:13–14

Prayer: *God, thank You for rescuing Your people and for making a way when there seems to be none. Help our family trust You and step forward in faith. Amen.*

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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Text: Exodus 1-14

1. **Exodus shows that bondage is more than physical chains.** What does Egypt represent in the story, and how can modern “Egypt” quietly shape our lives today?
2. **God hears Israel’s cries because He remembers His covenant.** Why is it important that redemption begins with God’s faithfulness rather than human effort?
3. **The plagues display God’s power, yet they do not free Israel.** What does this teach us about the difference between power and true redemption?
4. **On Passover night, God says, “When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”** Why is substitution central to salvation, and how does this help us understand grace?
5. **Exodus ends with Israel standing before the Red Sea.** Why do you think God requires His people to step forward rather than removing the obstacle instantly?
6. Where might God be inviting you to trust Him more deeply and step forward into freedom instead of holding on to what feels familiar?

