

## Sermon Follow-up | October 6, 2019

### *The Torah — The Exodus*

**Focus Passage:** Exodus 1:8-10, 2:23-3:14

**Additional Context:** Exodus 1–14

**Other Passages Referenced:** Matt 2:14–15; John 1:29; 19:14–16

**Corollary Scripture** – Psalm 106:1-12 & Psalm 114

**Sermon Recap:** God’s intervention is powerful, present, and personal. The plagues show God’s power over all aspects of life —social, economic, religious, and political. God’s intervention becomes an invitation to Moses but Moses resisted the invitation by giving five excuses. We need to stop resisting and making excuses and start remembering how God has faithfully intervened in the past.

### Comments to those in a Small Group

- Our E100 reading plan currently has us substantially behind the passages being covered in the Sunday sermons, although, by the end of our 8-week *Fall Chapel-wide Study* the sermon and our final week’s stories will both address roughly the same period—the time when the Israelites were ready to enter the Promised Land with Joshua as their human leader. Our reading plan devotes five stories to the Joseph narrative recorded in Genesis 37–50. Last week’s sermon addressed all of those chapters in one-fell swoop to keep us on track for our overview of the entire Bible in one year. This Sunday’s sermon went through the Exodus, which we won’t get to in our reading plan until two weeks from now. The stories you are reading provide integral information for the sermons you are hearing. I encourage you to look for the threads running between readings and sermons that demonstrate **creation, rebellion, redemption, and new creation** with Jesus at the center. Also consider what it actually looks like to **live by** and **let others** know what we’re **listening to** and **learning from** God’s word.
- A quick review of pages 16–17 of the *Study Guide* may be helpful as you prepare for your group’s discussion. Be prepared to give a summary of the stories in your own words. Also be ready to share what you are learning along with a specific action that will train you to live by and let others know about God’s word.

### **Grow:** *Listening to and Learning from God’s Word*

#### Notable Sermon Quotes

- “When we remember God’s powerful, present, and personal intervention for our redemption in the past, we are strengthened to say yes to his invitation in the present.”
- “The world of Exodus is where the holiness of God lives in staggering response to the hurt of the slaves.”
- “The plagues demonstrate that God mobilizes all of creation for redemption.”
- “If you don’t say yes to God, what do you think you have to do that is more important?”
- “Jesus provides a new Exodus in Matthew 2:14–15.”

### **READ:** *Stories 7–9 from the Fall Chapel-wide Study*

1. Were there any parts of the passages that you found hard to understand?
2. Can you give a synopsis of each of the stories in your own words?
3. Did you see human rebellion/sin or idolatry in any of the passages?

4. Did you see God's judgment of rebellion/sin in any of the passages?
5. Did you see God's love and grace in any of the passages?
6. Can you see how any of the passages relate to other passages you have studied?
7. Do you see any ways in which any of the passages have connections to Jesus in the New Testament?
8. Are there any promises in the passages we need to remember and trust?
9. Are there any commands in the passages we need to obey?

***Serve: Serving King Jesus and Others By Living Out and Letting Others Know God's Word***

1. What do you believe God's Spirit is saying to you specifically about living by His word we have been listening to and learning from? — "With the Holy Spirit's help, I will \_\_\_\_\_ to live out God's word in the coming week."
2. Who can you let know something you're learning from God's word in the coming week? — "With the Holy Spirit's help, I will let \_\_\_\_\_ know what I am hearing and learning from God's word."

**Further Resources**

- Illustrations and quotes from the sermon can be found on the "Sermon Slides" link at the bottom of [www.wcchapel.org](http://www.wcchapel.org)
- This link <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/erik-raymond/wonderful-similarities-joseph-jesus/> suggests 18 similarities between Joseph and Jesus.
- The Cutting Room Floor — [www.wcchapel.org/thecuttingroomfloor](http://www.wcchapel.org/thecuttingroomfloor)