Sept 4 | Sunday Plagues, Passover, Parting | Read Exodus 14:21-31



05 | Mon – Confrontation begins | Read Exodus 5:1-9 and 5:19-6:1 and 7:8-8:15

Have you ever been in a war of wills? This one was epic! It started with everyone against Moses - even his own people doubted - but ended with one of the greatest stories of deliverance in all of written history. Need to confront someone in your life who is in the wrong? Take a page from the Exodus story. Make sure you are doing what God has told you to do; then go in his strength, follow his direction and watch him work on your behalf.

06 | Tue – Pharaoh unimpressed | Read Exodus 8:16--9:12

Polluted water, frog invasion, lice, flies, dead livestock, painful boils...by now you would think Pharaoh has gotten the message but he had only moved from outright denial to bargaining. Do you sometimes bargain with God? "Lord, I know you want me to do A but how about if I do B instead, and maybe even C too?" When God's directives are clearly non-negotiable, it is because he has something better. Can you trust enough to obey?

07 | Wed – Stubborn | Read Exodus 9:13--10:29

Scholars point out that each plague seems to corresponded to one or more gods the Egyptians worshipped and demonstrated that the God of Moses was more powerful. However, Pharaoh repeatedly refused to acknowledge any higher power than himself. Even when his refusals were destroying his nation, he would not bow. Ask yourself if there is a stubborn attitude in your heart. Be open to God giving you grace to say yes.

08 | Thu – Israel's defining story | Read Exodus 11:1-8 and 12:5-7, 13, 21-39 Death was at the door, knocking, but it had only come for those who refused to make God their refuge. The blood on the door was a sign that the persons inside belonged to and were under the protection of the Sovereign God. What defines you? Is it your job, your reputation, your history? Or is it something more? When trouble comes knocking at your door, pray as Martin Luther did, "God, save me. I am yours."

09 | **Fri – The Lord fights for Israel** | Read Exodus 14:1-27, 30 and 14:30--15:3 Caught between the 'devil' and the 'deep blue sea,' death seemed imminent either by sword or by drowning. But with God, there is always a way out. Ask in confidence because your God loves you, he WILL fight for you. When you can't seem to fight for yourself - and we all have those days - remember your God is fighting on your behalf to rescue you in ways you could never imagine. He loves you that much..

10 | Sat – Our Story too | Read Jn 1:29; Lk 22:14-16; Jn 19:28-30; 1 Cor 5:6-8; Rev. 15:1-4
The Passover meal is still celebrated today as a reminder of what God did for his people.
Jesus' Last Supper was a Passover meal. He went from there to the cross so that you could be included, even if you are not Jewish. So this could be your story too. Everyone needs deliverance from something, from sin, addictions, deceptions, self-importance...fill in the blank. Our hope is in the Lord, he is our great Deliverer. It starts with admitting the need.

September 11 | Sun - Welcome Back Sunday

