

GOD HAS A PLAN!

THE WAY | A Journey Through Exodus
PART ONE | OUT

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THIS 6-WEEK SERIES: OUT

- As we are gaining traction with God, His good plan delivers us from doubts, pride, slavery to sin, from false gods and promises, to a full life of fellowship with Him.
- **EXODUS**- From the Greek 'exodos' means 'The way out'

WITH EXODUS AS OUR GUIDE, WE WILL SEE:

1. God is working in us according to His plan
2. God's plan is to set us free!
3. Sometimes it gets worse before it gets better
4. Discipline is part of the plan
5. God's plan provides for our sin
6. Easter Week 2015 March 29th- April 5th

CAN WE TRUST EXODUS?

IS EXODUS RELIABLE TO BUILD ONE'S LIFE UPON?

- The Old Testament has 10,000 manuscripts and is unmatched in its accuracy, historicity, and reliability. The 1947 discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls proved it to be almost entirely unchanged over a 900 year period.

JESUS TRUSTED EXODUS, AND SO SHOULD WE!

- Jesus said, "If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me."
- Luke 24:27 recounts two disciples being taken on a Bible Study with Jesus, "*Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*"

THE GOSPEL IN EXODUS

THE ENTIRE BIBLE IS STUDIED IN VIEW OF GOD'S ONE STORYLINE OF REDEMPTION, OF SALVATION.

- In Exodus God delivers His people from slavery by the death of a substitutionary lamb. And in the New Testament Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:29), and our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7). The events of Exodus anticipate our future, and God's story.
- Moses is a prophet and savior like Jesus, and the Tabernacle is Holy God with sinful man, just like Jesus is the Word made flesh; God with us.

GOD'S BLESSING ON ISRAEL

EXODUS 1:1-7

1. Israel moves from Canaan to Egypt to escape famine- about 70 people in all.
2. Joseph is already there, having been sold into slavery yet risen to royalty by God's design (Genesis 45:7-8)
3. God was blessing them and multiplying them greatly in Egypt- like an incubator for growth.

SUFFERING SERVANTS

EXODUS 1:8-14

1. Fear and jealousy compelled Pharaoh to force the Israelites into slavery
2. Yet the more they were oppressed the more they were blessed by God V12

LIFE DRAWN FROM THE WATER

EXODUS 1:15-22

1. God's plan is to bless and multiply human lives, Pharaoh's plan was to kill it. 2 midwives chose to honor God's plan, and refused to take children's lives, and God honored them.
2. Pharaoh is as heartless as Herod as he commands the death of baby boys in the Nile. Moses means 'drawn from the water' and he is saved from this ruthless ruler.

GOD'S PLANS ARE FOR GOOD!

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. 12 In those days when you pray, I will listen. 13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

JEREMIAH 29:11

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Acts 2 reminds us that Jesus' betrayal, death, and resurrection were part of God's plan.

"People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. 23 But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed... nailed him to a cross and killed... and raised him back to life..

ACTS 2:22-23

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- God has a storyline for His people and its one of salvation and redemption.
- We are slaves to sin because we obey it, but in obedience to the Gospel we are set free.
- What is your place in the plan of God? It is found in Jesus! We trust in Jesus and we find God's plan for our lives and the Story of the Ages!