



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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Sabbath February 17, 2018

SERIES: OUT OF EGYPT 3 CALLED OF GOD (Moses)

Exodus 2:23-3:22



SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

1st reader repeat scripture 2x with congregation.

Luke 24:32 "... Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME

GOD MADE ME FOR A WONDERFUL PLAN
WHEN I AM READY TO TRUST IN HIM

1. INTRODUCTION: When baby Moses was cast out on the water, his mother had to trust God's promise in her heart to keep him safe. We must worship God in complete abandonment, trusting Him with our spiritual babies and not be afraid to cast everything on the living water, knowing that Jesus cares more than we do and has a plan. Moses laid down his position to identify with God's people so that he could help them. If we would be useful in God's hand we must lay down our life and find it again in His purpose.

Objects to Bring: 2 Cups, 6' Air Tubing or String

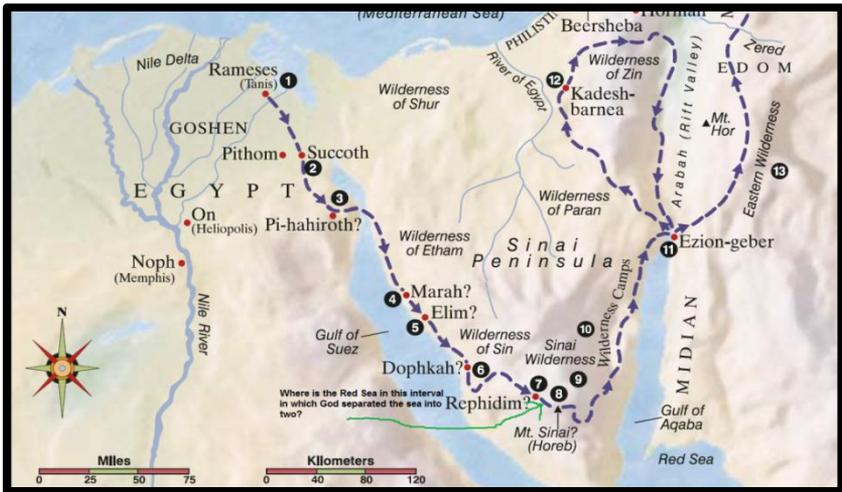
ORDER OF SERVICE:

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| 1. Light Candles & Pray | 4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song' | |
| 2. Children's Songs & Story | 5. Adult Fellowship Break | 7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer |
| 3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring | 6. Worship Song Set | 8. Blessing Songs & Benediction |

2. GOD’S PEOPLE SUFFER BUT HE PROMISES TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.

Exodus 2:23-25 “And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.”

It had been 40 long years since Moses ran into the desert to escape the Pharaoh who wanted to kill him! Back in Egypt, the Israelites were suffering miserably as slaves and cried out to God to save them. Even though many Israelites worshipped the false gods of Egypt God still loved them and heard their cries, because of the promise He had made to Abraham to deliver them.



The Israelites could not seem to stop sinning against God. Why is it so hard to stop sinning once you start?

John 8:34 “Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.”

Jesus loves you even when you make big mistakes, and He never stopped loving the Israelites even when they kept turning to the false gods of Babylon, forgiving and restoring them again and again.

3. GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL TO MAKE A WAY FOR US.

Deuteronomy 14:2 “For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.”

God **chose the nation of Israel to be a peculiar people above all others**, but because they chose to sin, the kingdom would be taken away from Israel as a nation, and **given to a new peculiar people of Jews and Gentiles**. God was patient with Israel when they left Him for idol gods over and over, but because of their sin, **God gave His kingdom into the hands of the new nation, that was birthed in one day at the house of Cornelius.** *Acts 10:1-11:18*

1 Peter 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

*Matthew 21:42-43 “Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing...”
⁴³ Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.”*

As a nation, the desolation of the house of Israel came to pass in 70 AD, but even though the kingdom was given to a nation of faith like Abraham, made of both Jew and Gentile who would bring forth fruits for Him, God made a way for apostate Israel to return to Him.

Luke 13:35 “Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

There are consequences to pay for those who choose to sin.

Hebrews 4:15-16 “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

4. A PERSONAL CALL TO MINISTRY

I knew that God was about to do a work in my life when one day, the longing to serve Him could no longer be contained in my heart. My boss and office staff were out on traveling assignments, leaving me alone in the building that day. It had been five years since I had prayed for God to give me this job, but now I walked into the empty lobby, held my arms up to God in tears, as I cried out to Him, **“God, I want my life to count, I want to do something great for you!”**

The next week an emergency surgery required taking six weeks off work. During that time, the corporate office closed our location, offered me a position at company headquarters in a far-away city that I could not accept, and my last day was December 31st. With a glowing letter of recommendation there were several offers, but one morning on my way to a promising position, I knew I must call the agency to tell them I could not accept it. We had three teens at home and suffered financially, but with my husband’s full support and trusting God, I waited for Him to show me.

One year later, upon reading the last page of my Bible and laying it down, I felt a distinct calling of God on my life. I did not know then, but the last words of the director in her farewell to the local chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship were, “I believe the Lord will provide someone to continue the work that he has started.” On December 31st, as I was at my desk praying and preparing for the new year, I felt a strong impression in my heart to call the CEF office. I dismissed the thought because, of course, the office was closed. About half an hour later the impression came back much stronger. It struck me funny as I realized it was the Lord and mused out loud, “That’s silly Lord, there’s nobody there!” But I made note on my calendar to call the following week. I went back about my business and suddenly the message from God was urgent to call right away. I quickly rummaged through a box to find the number and called immediately. Soon I was speaking with the former director who had moved away, apologizing for calling on a holiday, explaining that I did not know why I was calling, that I was being obedient and if this was not God, to please forgive me and God bless you. Before I knew what happened, I was meeting with the CEF Committee and State Director, watching God open all the doors, and three weeks later I was sitting in the CEF Teacher Training Center as their new chapter Director! We have an incredible God who orchestrates all our lives together, who hears the cries of our hearts and truly prepares in advance his works for us to do. **God has called me to a new work now, and though I don’t know the road ahead, I know that God does, and He will be faithful to complete this work as well!**

5. GOD PREPARES HIS SERVANTS.

Exodus 3:1 *“Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.”*



What was the significance of Moses just happening to stumble upon Mt. Horeb that day?

Psalms 37:23-24 *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand."*

Does God put things into my life that He will use later? Yes, He certainly does, and He will use you mightily if you will listen.

Proverbs 16:9 *"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."*

Why would God choose Moses and then leave him in the desert for 40 years? Why does God leave me in desert places?

Mark 1:12-13 *"Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him."*

Job 23:10 *"But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold."*

Jeremiah 9:7 *"Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: "Behold, I will refine them and try them; for how shall I deal with the daughter of My people?"*

God was preparing Moses for the great work He was giving him to do. God even showed Moses the very mountain He would use later on in his life. Moses didn't know why God called him to deliver the Israelites and then put him in the desert for 40 years. Moses learned to slow down and listen for God's voice, like the sheep that depended on him. God will use everything that happens to you in your life, even the impossible mountains, to prepare you for the wonderful work He has for you to do!

6. THE FIRE OF GOD IN YOUR HEART IS A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE.

***Exodus 3:2-6** “And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. ⁴ And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. ⁵ And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. ⁶ Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.”*



Moses went over to see and when God saw that Moses was interested, He spoke to him from right out of the bush! When God sees that you're interested, He will talk to you too. Jesus wants you to be aware of the things around you where He has a work for you to do and He will speak to you there. Has God changed? How should we behave in the presence of a holy God?

***Isaiah 6:1-8** "...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim...And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal, which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said..."*

***Hebrews 13:8** “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”*

Jesus is still the same God as He was yesterday, and He expects that you will have a deep respect for Him and His power.

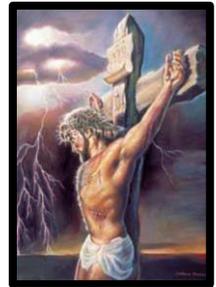
8. MOSES' TIME ALONE WITH GOD CHANGED HIM INTO A YIELDED VESSEL GOD COULD USE.

Exodus 3:7-10 *"And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; ⁸ and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.*

While Moses waited in God's presence, God said He heard the cries of how terrible the Israelites were being treated, and told Moses He was sending him to go save His people from their suffering. God sees you when you are suffering, and He already sent Jesus to save you from the bondage and suffering that holds you back in your life. God wants to use your life, just like He used Moses - to tell others about Jesus and save them from all the troubles they suffer!

Psalms 34:8-9 *"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. ⁹ O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him."*

Our sins separate us from our holy God. We cannot stand in God's presence because the penalty of our sins is death, and God knows we are helpless to help ourselves, but God loves us so much that He made a way: Jesus, the One and same God of Spirit as the Father, left beautiful Heaven, to come to earth and became a man just so He could pay sin's penalty in our place. Jesus bled and died on the cross and He was buried. But after three days Jesus rose again to heaven! If you believe in Him, you can ask Jesus to come into your heart and He will save you and use your life for His glorious purpose that is greater than any other work.



9. WHEN GOD CALLS, WE TOO MAY DOUBT HIS CALL.

Exodus 3:11-15 “And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? ¹² And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. ¹³ And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? ¹⁴And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you... this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.”

The Israelites in Egypt worshipped the many idols of Egypt along with the moon god Yahreah (Yahweh), and Asherah they had worshipped in Babylon, so none of those names could God’s name! **God told Moses the name above all names, that Moses had never heard before!** The Jewish nation recognizes that the name given to Moses is pronounced Ehyeh Ashur Ehyeh, ‘I AM that I AM’, which you can hear pronounced correctly on Jewish websites. The contraction of God’s name, Yehshua, also means Salvation. The God gave to Moses is the same name He would give to His only Son begotten in flesh, in Greek, Ehyeh-soos: His name is JESUS forever!

Moses tried to save the Israelites his own way when he was a proud young man in Egypt. But now Moses understood he could do nothing without God. Can you miss out on God’s call on your life?

Luke 19:41-44 "As He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace: But now they are hidden from your eyes....because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Never take it likely when God speaks to your heart, heed His call!

1 Corinthians 1:26-28 “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise....”

10. JESUS IS THE GREAT I AM WHO STILL LEADS US.

Moses was afraid but God promised to go with Moses and tell him what to say. When you choose to follow Jesus, He promises to be with you wherever you go, and He will give you just what to say!

*Exodus 3:16-18 “Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: ¹⁷ and **I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt...** ²⁰ **And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.** ²¹ And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians...: ²² but every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and **ye shall spoil the Egyptians.**”*

God told Moses in advance what He was going to do, and God tells us when it is time to come away from a sinful world to serve Him. God told Moses that the Pharaoh would not let His people go until God struck Egypt with plagues, but then not only would he let the people go, but they would leave carrying with them the riches of Egypt! Christians are becoming persecuted in the world, but don't be afraid to stand for the Lord, because He will take care of you!



When you are faithful to follow God, He will make you free of all the mess around you and **give you blessings and honor to take with you as you go along your way!** Moses spent time alone with God, and God used his life for a wonderful work! When you spend time with Jesus in His word and listen to Him, you will become a vessel He can use, and He will share with you the wonderful things He has planned ahead.

Psalms 25:14 “The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.”

10. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME

1. God's people will suffer, but God loves you, and hears your cries because you belong to Him.
2. Even when you have fallen slave to sin like the Israelites, He will hold you up when you fall because He remembers that He created you from dust,
3. God completely understands your weaknesses, and continually renews you through the power of His Holy Spirit at work in you.
4. The hard places you go through, even when you are out of God's plan, will be used for His purpose and call on your life.
5. God speaks to you when you draw near to Him and respond obediently to what He tells you.
6. Moses did not miss His visitation from God because He responded to the burning fire. When you respond to God's call, He is like a burning fire in your heart. He cleanses all your sin and gives you a passion for living out His purpose through you.
7. God waited to use Moses until he had humbled himself and completely depended on God to do the work.
8. Jesus gave gifts to you to empower you to perform the same works as Moses - to set His people free.
9. Jesus is the great 'I AM' who still leads us!
10. Surrender completely to Jesus so that you won't miss His visitation. He will show you His plan when you are ready to trust Him! Let's surrender our lives to Him, Amen?

Let's pray together:

*Dear Lord Jesus, Thank you for saving us. Thank you that You always hear us when we come to You. Thank you for your Holy Spirit living in our hearts today. Help us to live our whole life for You so that you can use each and every one of us to tell many others about You so that we may all be ready for Your soon appearing. Help us to seek You with undivided hearts, that we might become holy before You, and love You more every day, **In Jesus name, Amen.***



11. CHILDREN'S STORY – Trust Jesus and Follow His Voice



Frankie was playing in a tree fort he had built with the neighborhood kids in the field next to his house. The whole gang of kids climbed up into the treehouse and were having such a fun time together, until a big bully came! The

bully jumped up in the tree to block them all in, and knocked down the ladder trapping all the kids up in the tree fort, and he would not let them down! Frankie had promised to take care of these kids and told the big bully kid to let them go, but the mean boy would not listen! How was Frankie going to keep his promise and get the little kids home safely? Frankie did not know what to do.

Suddenly Frankie's phone started ringing inside his pocket so he answered. His dad was calling! Dad would know what to do. Frankie told his dad about the big trouble he was in, and it turned out that Frankie's dad knew the big boy. His dad said, "Frankie listen to my voice and tell the boy exactly what I tell you to say." Obediently, Frankie told the big boy, "My dad is your dad's boss at work, and he says for you to jump down right now, put the ladder back, and go straight home, because they are both on the way!"

Well that mean boy jumped right down out of that tree, put the ladder back, and ran home so fast their heads spun watching him go! Frankie laughed, and all the kids were so happy that Frankie's dad loved him so much that he called to help him just in time.

Jesus is always there for you to call when you need Him, because He loves you, just like Frankie's dad was there for Frankie, and you do not even need a phone for Jesus to call you! Jesus called to Moses from the midst of a burning bush to tell Moses His plan, and He wants to talk to you every day and tell you His plan for your life too! Jesus was there every time Moses needed Him. Jesus is there for you too, and He always knows just what to do!

12. COLORING PAGE GOSPELCRAFT

- Directions:**
1. Bring a large candle for each child to have his own.
 2. Assist each child to color the pictures to go on his prayer candle.
 3. Cut out around the outside of the red outline on each picture.
 4. Glue the pictures securely to the front and back of the candle.
 5. Give each child hearts and gold jewels to decorate their candle.
 6. Tie or glue a red or gold ribbon around the top of the glass.
 7. Take the candles home as a reminder to talk to Jesus every day!

God spoke to Moses from the fire in the bush.



Jesus speaks to me from the fire of His Spirit in my heart.

