CHAPTER 4
Deliverance
Exodus 1-7, 10-17

THE STORY

Introduction

The Story is about God’s relentless pursuit of us. In the Exodus we see a dramatic picture of how God will deliver us from our bondage to sin.

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I. God’s new nation is oppressed in Egypt.
Exodus 1

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Four hundred years have passed. A new Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph and he viewed Israel as a threat. Pharaoh ordered the death of every newborn Hebrew boy. God revealed all of this to Abraham in advance.

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“Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.”
Genesis 15:13-14

How will God deliver his people?

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II. God raises up a man through whom he will deliver his people.
Exodus 2-4

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God protects Moses as an infant at a time when a ruthless leader wanted to kill him. Moses is taken into Pharaoh’s court where he will grow up and be educated. Moses’ own mother is the one who will nurse him.

Moses identifies with his people. “By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.” Hebrews 11:24-25

Moses wants to deliver his people, but now is not the time nor is this the way. Exodus 2:11-14

God calls Moses to lead his people out of bondage in Egypt. Moses feels very unqualified. From our lower story perspective Moses was unqualified.

• He stuttered.
• He had no leadership experience other than leading sheep.
• He was wanted for murder in the very country where he was to go and say, “Let my people go.”

When Moses thought he was qualified, he wasn’t. When Moses thought he wasn’t qualified, he was. God see Moses’ weakness as the perfect opportunity to display God’s strength.

What is God looking for in us? God is looking for a heart that is willing, humble and obedient. “Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone on the face of the earth.” Numbers 12:3

III. God uses this opportunity to reveal three things about himself – his name, his power and his plan.
God reveals his name to Moses. Exodus 3:14
- I Am who I Am. I am the eternally existing one.
- YHWH
- It was called Ha Shem in Hebrew – The Name.

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The answer to Moses' objections was God. “I will be with you.” Exodus 3:12
The answer to our problems is God. “I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:20

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God reveals his power in the 10 plagues against the gods of Egypt. Exodus 7-13
- God was not only punishing Pharaoh for his disobedience. He was showing his power over the Egyptian gods. He alone is the one true God.
- God would demonstrate his power in the crossing of the Red Sea and the destruction of Pharaoh’s army.

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God reveals his plan of salvation in the 10th plague which required the shedding of a lamb’s blood. Exodus 12
- It is the origin of Passover.
- How would God overcome the problem of man’s sin? By the blood of a lamb.
- Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God who died as a sacrifice for our sins. John 1:29

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Conclusion
We are in the same situation as Israel. We are enslaved by our sin and powerless to free ourselves. In order to be free we must have the blood Jesus cover the doorpost of our heart.
Have you asked Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, to cover your sin?

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What do we learn from this chapter of The Story?
- God never forgets his promises or his people and he responds when they cry out for help.
- Earthly powers are no match for God’s power.
- The Passover is a clear picture of the sacrificial lamb as atonement for sin. It points to Jesus as the Lamb of God who died for our sins.