

# The Exodus

## Leadership Lessons

1 Corinthians 10:1-12 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. <sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." <sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did--and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup> We should not test the Lord, as some of them did--and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did--and were killed by the destroying angel. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

### I. Exodus, a deliverance narrative

Exodus 3:20-22 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. <sup>21</sup> "And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. <sup>22</sup> Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

#### A. Into Egypt as a family; out of Egypt as a nation

Exodus 19:3-6 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> **you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

#### B. Establishes . . .

1. the power of God;
2. the centrality of the people of God;
3. purposes of God

#### C. Reveals . . .

1. the struggle of faith;
2. fertility of rebellion;
3. courage of yielding

#### D. Exodus demonstrates 2 aspects of deliverance:

1. grace & our response;
2. justification & sanctification

Romans 4:25 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 3:20 (NASB)

<sup>20</sup> because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 3:24 (NASB)

<sup>24</sup> Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

John 17:18-19 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> **For their sakes I sanctify Myself**, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

2 Timothy 2:20-22 (NASB)

<sup>20</sup> Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. <sup>22</sup> Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

## II. Moses, God's Servant

A. \_\_\_\_\_, born a slave

B. \_\_\_\_\_, parents set him adrift

C. Confusion, Egyptian/Hebrew

D. Failure, murders Egyptian

E. Guilt, wilderness

Exodus 2:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." <sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

F. \_\_\_\_\_, who am I

Exodus 3:10-11 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup> "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "**Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?**"

G. \_\_\_\_\_, send someone else

Exodus 4:13 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

Malachi 4:4 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> "Remember the law of **Moses My servant**, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, I rejoice today that you are preparing me for your purposes. Thank you for the circumstances of my life. I know your power is sufficient to transform, redeem and deliver. By faith I am redeemed out of the hand of the evil one, I have been justified before you through the blood of Jesus Christ. I choose to yield myself to your purposes, to walk uprightly before you. May your power bring deliverance, loose the chains of bondage and set my feet on a path of righteousness. In you O Lord, I place my hope and trust. In Jesus' name, amen.

**KEY:** injustice; rejection; inadequacy; reluctance