



This Is Us

Ultimately, this is the story of _____ that was given as a preview of the ultimate gift God would give to _____.

God told Moses to _____.

Overcoming Fear

In response to Moses's first request, the Pharaoh replies,

"Who is this Lord whom I'm supposed to obey by letting Israel go? I don't know this Lord, and I certainly won't let Israel go." Exodus 5:2 (CEB)

God continues to speak to Moses as he cries out:

"My Lord, why have you abused this people? Why did you send me for this? Ever since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has abused this people. And you've done absolutely nothing to rescue your people."

The Lord replied to Moses, "Now you will see what I'll do to Pharaoh. In fact, he'll be so eager to let them go that he'll drive them out of his land by force." Exodus 5:22–23, 6:1 (CEB)

God's Power

"The well-being of the _____ depends on the well-being of the _____."¹

Each plague shows our God, Yahweh, triumphing over the Egyptian gods.

And then just as God had called Moses to get up and go, the Pharaoh tells Moses and Aaron to tell the Israelites to, *"Get up! Get away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go!"* Exodus 12:31 (CEB)

Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand your ground, and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you. You just keep still." Exodus 14:13–14 (CEB)

The Exodus is a Prequel to Salvation through Christ

Alec Motyer said this: “Think about it. Think of what an Israelite would say on the way to Canaan, having come out of the Red Sea and so forth. Here’s what an Israelite would say: If you said, ‘Who are you?’ he would say, ‘I was in a foreign land under the sentence of death, in bondage, but I took shelter under the blood of the lamb. Our mediator let us out, and we crossed over, and now we’re on our way to the Promised Land. We’re not there yet, but he’s given us his law to make us a community. And he’s given us the Tabernacle because you have to live by grace and forgiveness. And his presence is in our midst, and he’s going to stay with us until we get home.’”

Are you ready? Do you want to live into His freedom? Let’s get going together!

Things to think about this week:

1. What do you need to break free of?
2. Are you looking to God to show you the way out?
3. Who has God placed alongside you to do His work in your life (or in the lives of others)?

“For to be free is not to merely cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”
—Nelson Mandela

“For freedom, Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”
Galatians 5:1 (NRSV)