Ep. #6 - Rescue

THE STORY OF GOD

Exodus 1-6, 11-12, 20 Isaiah 53 Ephesians 2:810



God raises up Moses to lead the Israelites out of 400 years of slavery under the Egyptians. In the last of 10 miraculous plagues, God instructs the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb, so that the Death Angel will see the blood and pass 'over' them. Pharaoh is convinced and frees Abraham's descendants. Moses, the leader and prophet, gives God's instructions for living life close to Him.

GOD: <u>He uses His power to free and make His name known among</u> <u>all nations</u>. <u>Despite our disobedience</u>, <u>God still desires to be with</u> <u>His people</u>.

HUMANS: <u>They are to be a "kingdom of priests"</u>; <u>God's display</u> <u>people</u>. <u>The Israelites fail in keeping God's covenant</u>.

**Remember:** God made **HIS PRESENCE** known to us by His grace. God made **HIS PROMISES** known to us by His grace. Our response to His grace is **FAITH** 

Death came to EVERY HOUSE the night The Destroyer came through Egypt. The question is, would it be the firstborn or the lamb that would die?

## GRACE

God <u>REMEMBERS</u> - (Goes into action on someone else's behalf) His promise. Read **Exodus 6:6-8** *(underline all the times God says He will do something)*:

6 "Therefore, say to the people of Israel: 'I am the LORD. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment.7 I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt.8 I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the LORD!"

This God, who wants to do all this for me, WANTS to be my God?

Read **Exodus 12:11-13**. There are two possible responses to these instructions:

- 1. **<u>BELIEF</u>**. "I trust that you will provide what is needed."
- 2. PRIDE. "I'm going to find a way of my own."

## THE LAW (REFLECTION)

Before God even mentions the Law in Exodus 20, there are 19 chapters of <u>GRACE</u>. The God who rescued us, wants us to <u>BE LIKE HIM</u>. When we refuse to reflect Him, this is <u>SIN</u>. Sin must be <u>PUNISHED</u>. This is why we were given the <u>SACRIFICE</u>. Read Isaiah 53 & Ephesians 2:8–9