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SCHEDULE

Sunday

4:00–5:30 p.m.	Registration
5:30–6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:15–8:00 p.m.	**Main session (Gymnatorium)** *God Knows* — Jordan Eyster
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Campus time
9:00–11:00 p.m.	Snacks and free time
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

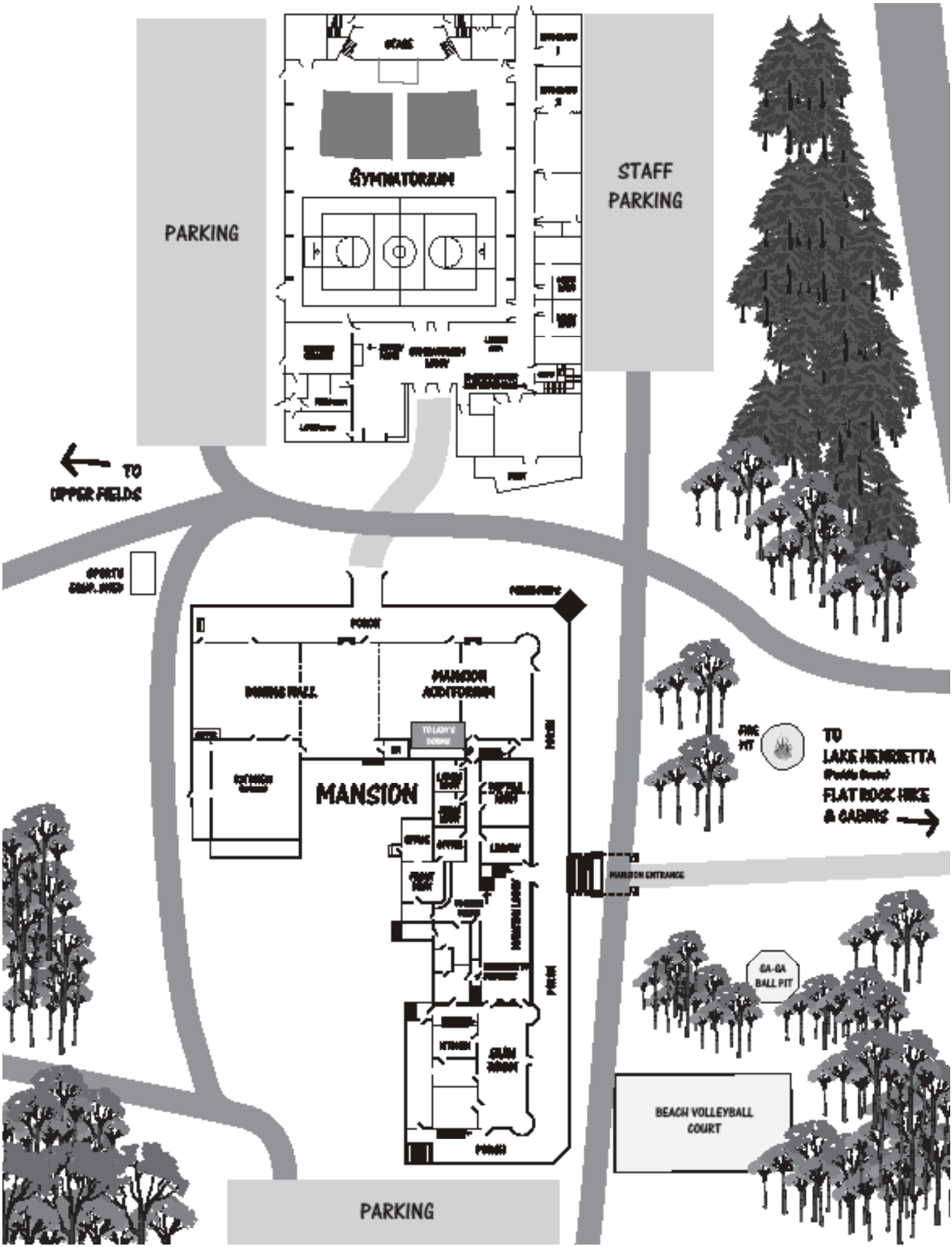
Monday and Tuesday

8:00–8:30 a.m.	Prayer meeting (Tuesday only)
8:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Time alone with God (see pages 23–24)
9:30 a.m. –12:15 p.m.	**Track time**
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30–5:30 p.m.	Free time (optional career reception 1:30–2:00 Tuesday only)
5:30–6:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30–8:00 p.m.	**Main session (Gymnatorium)** *The Calling of Moses: Israel's Deliverer* — Dan Hall (Monday) *God vs. god* — Ricky Pfisterer (Tuesday)
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Campus time
9:00–11:00 p.m.	Snacks and free time (no snack Monday night)
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

Wednesday

8:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Time alone with God (see page 25)
9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	**Workshops (see page 7)**
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch (retreat of silence)
1:30–5:30 p.m.	Free time (OCC Help: Unload truck 1:30–2:00)
5:00–5:45 p.m.	Dinner

5:50–7:30 p.m.	**Main session (Gymnatorium)** Interview with Curtis Dunlap from Epiphany Church *I Let You Live* – Curtis Dunlap
8:00–9:30 p.m.	Mission night: Operation Christmas Child
9:30–11:00 p.m.	Snacks and free time
11:00 p.m.	Lights out
Thursday	
8:00–8:30 a.m.	Prayer meeting
8:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Time alone with God (see page 26)
9:30 a.m. –12:15 p.m.	**Track time**
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30–5:30 p.m.	Free time Optional workshop: *The Big Questions of Life* – Andy Cimbala (1:30–2:30, Mountain View)
5:30–6:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30–8:00 p.m.	**Main session (Gymnatorium)** *Let My People Go: Freed by Faith* — Zack Gugenheim
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Campus time
9:30–11:00 p.m.	Campfire
11:00 p.m.	Lights out
Friday	
8:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–10:00 a.m.	Campus time
10:00–11:00 a.m.	**Main session (Gymnatorium)** *The Lord's Battle* — Mike Chartowich
11:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.	Clean up
12:00–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Depart


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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Faith in Action

Led by Andrea McHenry with FREE

In this workshop, we will talk about what human trafficking is, how to spot it in our communities, and also ways we can all take action against it. Our main focus for this workshop will be on sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. We will also talk about how God views slavery and His call for every believer to work toward justice and setting the captives free. Together we will learn how to put our faith in action to be light in the darkness. (Faith In Action is a curriculum through Shared Hope International.)

Bridging the Divides

Led by Ray Garcia with The Philadelphia Project (philadelphiaproject.com)

How does the church of today begin to address the theological and social needs of our culture? How do we embody the message of healing and hope while remaining grounded in our historical understanding of the Word of God? Moreover, how do we bridge the divides between urban and suburban American without reinforcing the "great white hope"? Our desire is to equip the Church to be able to ask and to answer these questions within their context.

Seeing with God's Eyes: The Faces of Hope

Led by Frank Grill with Hope Rescue Mission

Everyone has a stereotype or preconceived notion as to what a homeless person looks like, what led them to homelessness, etc. But homelessness is not something that is caused by one thing or a certain type of walk or even a certain type of person. The causes are varied and the reasons are many, but ultimately as children of God, the homeless in our communities are of just as much value to our Heavenly Father as anyone else. So how do we see these children of God without looking through the lens of their creator? What compels us as Christians to minister to these folks? How can we turn their hopeless situations into stories of hope? The Hope Rescue Mission workshop seeks to elucidate these questions through scripture and discussion. Additionally, we will see how we all have a SHAPE from God, and how we can use our SHAPE to minister to those who are less fortunate than us.

The Big Questions of Life *(Optional Thursday afternoon workshop)*

Led by Andy Cimbala • Location: Mountain View (1:30–2:30p.m.)

Who are we? What's wrong with the world? How can we be a part of the solution? Human beings throughout the ages have asked these Big Questions of Life. And each one of us has some kind of answer that we live by, no matter our religion or ideology. But how does Christianity answer these big questions? Join us as we build a biblical worldview and see the beauty and application of the Scriptures on our whole lives.

Exodus 1–2

These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to
Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: 2 Reuben,
Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and
Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 All the
descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was
already in Egypt. 6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers
and all that generation. 7 But the people of Israel were
fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew
exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not
know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Behold, the
people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. 10
Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply,
and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight
against us and escape from the land." 11 Therefore they
set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy
burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and
Raamses. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more
they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the
Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. 13 So they
ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves 14 and
made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and
brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work
they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

15 Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives,
one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,
16 "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women
and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall
kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." 17 But the
midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt
commanded them, but let the male children live. 18 So the
king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why
have you done this, and let the male children live?" 19 The
midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women
are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and
give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20 So God
dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied
and grew very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared
God, he gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded
all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you
shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter
live."

2

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his
wife a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a
son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid
him three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer,
she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it
with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed
it among the reeds by the river bank. 4 And his sister stood
at a distance to know what would be done to him. 5 Now
the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river,
while her young women walked beside the river. She saw
the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman,
and she took it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child,
and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him
and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7 Then
his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call
you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for
you?" 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the
girl went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's
daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him
for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman
took the child and nursed him. 10 When the child grew
older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he
became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she
said, "I drew him out of the water."

11 One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to
his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an
Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. 12 He looked
this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down
the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 When he went
out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling
together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do
you strike your companion?" 14 He answered, "Who made
you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me
as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and
thought, "Surely the thing is known." 15 When Pharaoh
heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from
Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat
down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they
came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their
father's flock. 17 The shepherds came and drove them
away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered
their flock. 18 When they came home to their father
Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come home so
soon today?" 19 They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out
of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us
and watered the flock." 20 He said to his daughters, "Then
where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he
may eat bread." 21 And Moses was content to dwell with
the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. 22 She
gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for
he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

23 During those many days the king of Egypt died, and
the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and
cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came
up to God. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God
remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and
with Jacob. 25 God saw the people of Israel—and God
knew.

"The essence of grief is a deep, pervasive loneliness."
Nancy Guthrie

I. The forgotten are remembered

II. The burdened are blessed

III. The deliverer is delivered

Exodus 3:1–4:17

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro,
the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the
wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the
angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the
midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning,
yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside to
see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When the
Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of
the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he
said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the
place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 And he said,
"I am the God of your 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 at God.

7 Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my
people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of
their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come
down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to
bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land
flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites,
the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the
Jebusites. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has
come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the
Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh
that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of
Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go
to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 He
said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you,
that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of
Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and
say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and
they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14
God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to
the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said
to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God
of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and
thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. 16 Go
and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The
Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac,
and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you
and what has been done to you in Egypt, 17 and I promise that
I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of
the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the
Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey."'
18 And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of
Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the
God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a
three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to
the Lord our God.' 19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not
let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. 20 So I will stretch
out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do
in it; after that he will let you go. 21 And I will give this people
favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall
not go empty, 22 but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and
any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry,
and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your
daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

4

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or
listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear
to you.'" 2 The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?"
He said, "A staff." 3 And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So
he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses
ran from it. 4 But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand
and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught
it, and it became a staff in his hand— 5 "that they may believe
that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." 6
Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak."
And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out,
behold, his hand was leprous like snow. 7 Then God said, "Put
your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back
inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored
like the rest of his flesh. 8 "If they will not believe you," God
said, "or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign.
9 If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your
voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on
the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile
will become blood on the dry ground."

10 But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent,
either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I
am slow of speech and of tongue." 11 Then the Lord said to him,
"Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf,
or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now therefore go, and
I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."
13 But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." 14 Then
the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is
there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can
speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he
sees you, he will be glad in his heart. 15 You shall speak to him
and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth
and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. 16 He
shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth,
and you shall be as God to him. 17 And take in your hand this
staff, with which you shall do the signs."

"Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring
my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."
Exodus 3:10

I. A powerful God (3:1–10)

A. A surprising visit

B. A surprising mission

II. A reluctant deliverer (3:11–4:17)

A. The deliverer's focus

B. The deliverer's hope

Exodus 4:21–23, 5:1–6:13

And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see
that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in
your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let
the people go. 22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the
Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, 23 and I say to you, "Let my son
go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I
will kill your firstborn son.'"

5

Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus
says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they
may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'" 2 But Pharaoh said,
"Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice and let Israel
go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover, I will not let Israel
go." 3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with
us. Please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness
that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest he fall upon us
with pestilence or with the sword." 4 But the king of Egypt said
to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away
from their work? Get back to your burdens." 5 And Pharaoh
said, "Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you
make them rest from their burdens!" 6 The same day Pharaoh
commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen, 7
"You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in
the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8 But the
number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose
on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle.
Therefore they cry, 'Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.' 9
Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it
and pay no regard to lying words."

10 So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out
and said to the people, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I will not give you
straw. 11 Go and get your straw yourselves wherever you can
find it, but your work will not be reduced in the least.'" 12 So
the people were scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to
gather stubble for straw. 13 The taskmasters were urgent, saying,
"Complete your work, your daily task each day, as when there
was straw." 14 And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom
Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were
asked, "Why have you not done all your task of making bricks
today and yesterday, as in the past?"

15 Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to
Pharaoh, "Why do you treat your servants like this? 16 No straw
is given to your servants, yet they say to us, 'Make bricks!' And
behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own
people." 17 But he said, "You are idle, you are idle; that is why
you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.' 18 Go now and
work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the
same number of bricks." 19 The foremen of the people of Israel
saw that they were in trouble when they said, "You shall by no
means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day."
20 They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as
they came out from Pharaoh; 21 and they said to them, "The
Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in
the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in
their hand to kill us."

22 Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, "O Lord, why have
you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? 23 For
since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil
to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all."

6

But the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to
Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with
a strong hand he will drive them out of his land." 2 God spoke to
Moses and said to him, "I am the Lord. 3 I appeared to Abraham,
to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the
Lord I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established
my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the
land in which they lived as sojourners. 5 Moreover, I have heard
the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as
slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Say therefore to
the people of Israel, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from
under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from
slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched
arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 I will take you to be my
people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am
the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the
burdens of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you into the land that I
swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it
to you for a possession. I am the Lord.'" 9 Moses spoke thus to
the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of
their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

10 So the Lord said to Moses, 11 "Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt
to let the people of Israel go out of his land." 12 But Moses said to
the Lord, "Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me.
How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised
lips?" 13 But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them
a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of
Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

"Great stories always include moments that seem hopelessly dark. Oh that we would trust in the Storyteller during those times! God is weaving together a masterpiece that will make sense of everything in the end." – Trevin Wax

I. God will win the battle

II. The battle seems lost

III. God will win the battle

Exodus 9:13–16

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 14 For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. 15 For by now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth. 16 But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.

I. Your life must submit to the RULE of God

A. God's rule is personal (v. 14)

B. God's rule is absolute (v. 14a–15)

II. Your life must advance the NAME of God

A. God's people are distinct (v. 13)

B. God's people are worshipers (v. 13)

Exodus 12

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight 7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. 15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. 17 And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. 18 In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. 19 For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. 20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

21 Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. 24 You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. 25 And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. 26 And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. 28 Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 29 At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. 30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. 31 Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said. 32 Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!"

33 The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead." 34 So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders. 35 The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing. 36 And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians. 37 And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. 38 A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds. 39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves. 40 The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. 41 At the end of four hundred and thirty years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. 42 It was a night of watching by the Lord, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the people of Israel throughout their generations. 43 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it, 44 but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him. 45 No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it. 46 It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones. 47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. 49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

"Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as indeed you are. For Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed." – *1 Corinthians 5:7 (CSB)*

I. Freedom remembered (v. 1–20)

A. The promise of justice

B. A new beginning

C. A substitute for mercy

II. The cost of freedom (v. 21–28)

III. The purpose of freedom (v. 29–51)

A. "Great multitude," one people

B. Freed for God

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
Revelation 7:9–10

Exodus 14

Then the Lord said to Moses, [2] "Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. [3] For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' [4] And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord." And they did so.

[5] When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" [6] So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, [7] and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. [8] And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. [9] The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

[10] When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. [11] They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? [12] Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." [13] And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. [14] The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

[15] The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. [16] Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. [17] And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. [18] And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

[19] Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, [20] coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

[21] Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. [22] And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. [23] The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. [24] And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, [25] clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

[26] Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." [27] So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. [28] The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. [29] But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

[30] Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. [31] Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

"The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."
Exodus 14:14

I. God's glory in trials

II. God's glory in justice

III. God's glory in salvation

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Introduction

Big-picture view

Creation (origins)	Fall (the problem)	Redemption (the solution)	Restoration (the good life)	Consummation (the end)

Mega-answer: Worship

I. Creation (origins)

II. Fall (the problem)

III. Redemption (the solution)

IV. Restoration (the good life)

V. Consummation (the end)

Conclusion

Good morning! As you start your day, ask God to help you understand His Word and hear from Him. Next, read Exodus 3:1–4:17 (located on page 10) and see God, the great I AM, commission Moses, doubts and all, to deliver Israel out of Egypt. Consider the following questions:

How does Moses respond in verse 3 after seeing the burning bush? In verse 6 after God identifies Himself?

Why do you think Moses responds differently in verse 6?

In what ways does God show that He is caring, powerful, and in control?

What five reasons did Moses give for not accepting God's call? How did God respond to these?

At what point does God get angry with Moses? Why is this significant?

What are some things God has called you to do that you are hesitant to act upon? Why are you hesitating?

Why are we quick to focus on our weaknesses rather than the God that calls us?

Good morning! Let's start the day by reading Exodus 4:21–6:13 located on page 12 of your packet. Before you begin, take a moment to pray. Ask God to help you understand His Word and see Him more clearly. When you're finished reading, consider the following questions:

How does Pharaoh defy God and His people?

What's the response of the Israelites and Moses at the end of chapter 5? How have you responded to God similarly?

What promises does God make in Ch. 6? How do these promises impact us today?

How do God's people respond to His promises?

Who looks more powerful at the end of chapter 6, Pharaoh or God? Why?

Good morning! Please begin by praying and asking Jesus to help you understand His Word and know Him better as you spend time with Him. In Exodus 7–8, God has brought plagues of blood, frogs, gnats, and flies on Egypt yet Pharaoh continues to harden his heart, not allowing the Israelites to leave Egypt. Read Exodus 9 and consider the following questions. If you have time and would like to read the full account of the plagues, you can read Exodus 7–10.

What plagues does God bring on Egypt in this chapter?

Why is God sending these plagues on Egypt?

How does Pharaoh respond to each plague?

Why did God raise up Pharaoh and put him in power at this exact time?

How does seeing God's power displayed in this chapter affect you?

Good morning! Before you begin, take a moment to pray: ask God to help you understand His Word and see Him more clearly. Let's start the day by reading Exodus 12 (located on page 16 of your packet). If you have time, you can also read Exodus 11 for context. When you're finished reading, consider the following questions:

What is the tenth plague? Why would God take the firstborn of Egypt?

What does Israel have to do to be spared from the Destroyer? Why would they need protection from this plague?

What is repeated in verses 14–20? Why do you think those things are repeated for the celebration of the Passover?

Read I Corinthians 5:6–8. How does that passage connect Exodus 12 to a greater rescue in Christ?

We see God's people delivered in the final act. What does it mean for us to be delivered for the purpose of worship?

Good morning! Please begin by praying and asking Jesus to help you understand His Word and know Him better as you spend time with Him. Next, read Exodus 14 (located on page 18 of your packet) and consider the following questions. If you have time, you can also read Exodus 13.

1. Why does God put the people of Israel is such a vulnerable position?

2. Why do the people of Israel fear Pharaoh's army even though they have seen God's power through the ten plagues?

3. How has Moses' character developed from when God first called him? Do you notice any changes?

4. Have you ever been tempted to doubt God's salvation in the face of attacks or criticisms from others?

5. How can God's powerful salvation of the people of Israel give you hope?

6. Are there any similarities between God's salvation of the people of Israel and Jesus' salvation on the cross?

Psalm 1

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

I. Created for communion

II. Rooted by communion

III. Saved In communion

Psalm 130

My Soul Waits for the Lord
A Song of Ascents.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
2 O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
4 But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
6 my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
8 And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

I. The songbook of Israel

II. Poetry and song

III. Beautiful craftsmanship

IV. Songs for every occasion

Psalm 139

Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart
To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
3 You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
9 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

13 For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.

19 Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!
O men of blood, depart from me!
20 They speak against you with malicious intent;
your enemies take your name in vain.
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
22 I hate them with complete hatred;
I count them my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

I. Observation

II. Interpretation

III. Application

Psalm 51

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
19 then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

"Life changing repentance begins where blame shifting ends."
Tim Keller

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Psalm 77

In the Day of Trouble I Seek the Lord
To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

1 I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, and he will hear me.
2 In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.
3 When I remember God, I moan;
when I meditate, my spirit faints. *Selah*
4 You hold my eyelids open;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I consider the days of old,
the years long ago.
6 I said, "Let me remember my song in the night;
let me meditate in my heart."
Then my spirit made a diligent search:
7 "Will the Lord spurn forever,
and never again be favorable?
8 Has his steadfast love forever ceased?
Are his promises at an end for all time?
9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" *Selah*
10 Then I said, "I will appeal to this,
to the years of the right hand of the Most High."
11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
12 I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.
13 Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?
14 You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
15 You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*
16 When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
indeed, the deep trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies gave forth thunder;
your arrows flashed on every side.
18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.
19 Your way was through the sea,
your path through the great waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.
20 You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

"Most people get a fair amount of fun out of their lives, but on balance life is suffering, and only the very young or the very foolish imagine otherwise."
George Orwell

I. The perspective of circumstance (v. 1–4)

A. When suffering comes

B. Circumstances color our perspective

II. The perspective of doubt (v. 5–9)

A. Doubt is a disease

B. God can handle it

III. The perspective of salvation (v. 10–20)

A. A second wind

B. Seeing the parallels

C. The suffering of Jesus

Psalm 73

God Is My Strength and Portion Forever
A Psalm of Asaph.

Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
5 They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
6 Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.
7 Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
8 They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.
9 They set their mouths against the heavens,
and their tongue struts through the earth.
10 Therefore his people turn back to them,
and find no fault in them.
11 And they say, "How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
12 Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
13 All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
14 For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.
15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
17 until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

18 Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
19 How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!
20 Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
21 When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
22 I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.

23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

27 For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
28 But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

I. What's the situation?

What does Asaph observe about the people around him?

II. How do Asaph's observations conflict with what he knows about God?

III. Where does he go?

Who does he turn to?

IV. How does he choose to respond?

V. What is his conclusion? (v. 25–28)

Psalm 30

Joy Comes with the Morning
A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple.

1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
3 O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down
to the pit.
4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
5 For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
7 By your favor, O Lord,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
8 To you, O Lord, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
9 "What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
10 Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"
11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

"[The Psalms] are written to be prayed, recited, and sung;
to be done, not merely to be read." – Tim Keller

I. Communion is an encounter

II. Communion is a conversation

A. Personal conversation

B. Honest conversation

III. Communion is a surrender

IV. Communion is a celebration

A. Thanks

B. Song

C. Praise

Psalm 119

Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet
Aleph

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
3 who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
4 You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
5 Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
6 Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
7 I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.
8 I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!

Beth
9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
10 With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
11 I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
12 Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes!
13 With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.
14 In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
16 I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

Gimel
17 Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
18 Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.
19 I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!
20 My soul is consumed with longing
for your rules at all times.
21 You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments.
22 Take away from me scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your testimonies.
23 Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.
24 Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.

Daleth
25 My soul clings to the dust;
give me life according to your word!
26 When I told of my ways, you answered me;
teach me your statutes!
27 Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
28 My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!
29 Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!
30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your rules before me.
31 I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;
let me not be put to shame!
32 I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!

He
33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
36 Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
38 Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.
39 Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
40 Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

Waw

41 Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,
your salvation according to your promise;
42 then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your rules.
44 I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever,
45 and I shall walk in a wide place,
for I have sought your precepts.
46 I will also speak of your testimonies before kings
and shall not be put to shame,
47 for I find my delight in your commandments,
which I love.
48 I will lift up my hands toward your commandments,
which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

Zayin

49 Remember your word to your servant,
in which you have made me hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction,
that your promise gives me life.
51 The insolent utterly deride me,
but I do not turn away from your law.
52 When I think of your rules from of old,
I take comfort, O Lord.
53 Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked,
who forsake your law.
54 Your statutes have been my songs
in the house of my sojourning.
55 I remember your name in the night, O Lord,
and keep your law.
56 This blessing has fallen to me,
that I have kept your precepts.

Heth

57 The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
58 I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
59 When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
60 I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.
61 Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.
62 At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous rules.
63 I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.
64 The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!

Teth

65 You have dealt well with your servant,
O Lord, according to your word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.
68 You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.
69 The insolent smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;
70 their heart is unfeeling like fat,
but I delight in your law.
71 It is good for me that I was afflicted,
that I might learn your statutes.
72 The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Yodh

73 Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
74 Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.
75 I know, O Lord, that your rules are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
76 Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.
77 Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.
78 Let the insolent be put to shame,
because they have wronged me with falsehood;
as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.
79 Let those who fear you turn to me,
that they may know your testimonies.
80 May my heart be blameless in your statutes,
that I may not be put to shame!

Kaph

81 My soul longs for your salvation;
I hope in your word.
82 My eyes long for your promise;
I ask, "When will you comfort me?"
83 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.
84 How long must your servant endure?
When will you judge those who persecute me?
85 The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;
they do not live according to your law.
86 All your commandments are sure;
they persecute me with falsehood; help me!
87 They have almost made an end of me on earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
88 In your steadfast love give me life,
that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

Psalm 119 (continued)

Lamedh
89 Forever, O Lord, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.
90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
91 By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.
92 If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
93 I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.
94 I am yours; save me,
for I have sought your precepts.
95 The wicked lie in wait to destroy me,
but I consider your testimonies.
96 I have seen a limit to all perfection,
but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Mem
97 Oh how I love your law!
It is my meditation all the day.
98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.
100 I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.
101 I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
102 I do not turn aside from your rules,
for you have taught me.
103 How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

Nun
105 Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.
107 I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word!
108 Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your rules.
109 I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.
111 Your testimonies are my heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my heart.
112 I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.

Samekh
113 I hate the double-minded,
but I love your law.
114 You are my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in your word.
115 Depart from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the commandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live,
and let me not be put to shame in my hope!
117 Hold me up, that I may be safe
and have regard for your statutes continually!
118 You spurn all who go astray from your statutes,
for their cunning is in vain.
119 All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross,
therefore I love your testimonies.
120 My flesh trembles for fear of you,
and I am afraid of your judgments.

Ayin
121 I have done what is just and right;
do not leave me to my oppressors.
122 Give your servant a pledge of good;
let not the insolent oppress me.
123 My eyes long for your salvation
and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise.
124 Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.
125 I am your servant; give me understanding,
that I may know your testimonies!
126 It is time for the Lord to act,
for your law has been broken.
127 Therefore I love your commandments
above gold, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right;
I hate every false way.

Pe
129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
130 The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.
133 Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from man's oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.

135 Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

Tsadhe
137 Righteous are you, O Lord,
and right are your rules.
138 You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.
139 My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.
140 Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.
141 I am small and despised,
yet I do not forget your precepts.
142 Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.
143 Trouble and anguish have found me out,
but your commandments are my delight.
144 Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Qoph
145 With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord!
I will keep your statutes.
146 I call to you; save me,
that I may observe your testimonies.
147 I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I hope in your words.
148 My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promise.
149 Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;
O Lord, according to your justice give me life.
150 They draw near who persecute me with evil purpose;
they are far from your law.
151 But you are near, O Lord,
and all your commandments are true.
152 Long have I known from your testimonies
that you have founded them forever.

Resh
153 Look on my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget your law.
154 Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to your promise!
155 Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek your statutes.
156 Great is your mercy, O Lord;
give me life according to your rules.
157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.
158 I look at the faithless with disgust,
because they do not keep your commands.
159 Consider how I love your precepts!
Give me life according to your steadfast love.
160 The sum of your word is truth,
and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Sin and Shin
161 Princes persecute me without cause,
but my heart stands in awe of your words.
162 I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor falsehood,
but I love your law.
164 Seven times a day I praise you
for your righteous rules.
165 Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.
166 I hope for your salvation, O Lord,
and I do your commandments.
167 My soul keeps your testimonies;
I love them exceedingly.
168 I keep your precepts and testimonies,
for all my ways are before you.

Taw
169 Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding according to your word!
170 Let my plea come before you;
deliver me according to your word.
171 My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.
172 My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.
173 Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.
174 I long for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live and praise you,
and let your rules help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.