



EXODUS REFLECTION GUIDE



EXODUS

SET FREE TO BE SATISFIED

What does it take for God to dwell among His people?

Just consider the obstacles standing in the way. First, there is Pharaoh and his stubborn refusal to let God's people go. Then there is the wilderness, with all its challenges—no water, no food, no clear path forward. And then—the greatest obstacle of all—there is Israel's own Egypt-loving heart.

But in the book of Exodus, we meet a God who is relentless in His pursuit to dwell with His people. He overcomes Pharaoh. He provides in the wilderness. And even more, He confronts and overcomes the false gods that have taken root in the hearts of His people.

Exodus shows us that we can dwell with God not because we have removed every obstacle, but because He has. He is a God like no other. Nothing stands in the way of God dwelling with His people—not Pharaoh, not the wilderness, not even the sin in our own hearts.

And when He acts, “all the earth will know” that He alone is God. There is no other.

KEY THEMES

The book of Exodus is shaped by several key themes that should guide your study and reflection. Together, these themes show us that God saves His people, reveals His glory, and makes a way for them to dwell with Him through a mediator.

That They Will Know

Everything God does is so people will know He is the Lord—and there is no other. As you study Exodus, keep God's purpose in mind. How does every act—every judgment, every provision, every miracle—reveal He alone is God?

Redemption

Throughout the book, God redeems His people from slavery in order to dwell with them. Redemption always involves three elements:

- (1) a helpless people in need—like Israel,
- (2) a powerful redeemer who is both willing and able to save, and
- (3) decisive action that leads to deliverance.

Again and again, God steps in to rescue His people when they cannot rescue themselves.

God's Presence

The promise, "I will be your God, and you will be my people," runs through the entire story. But for that to happen, God must dwell with His people. The problem is clear: how can a holy God dwell with a sinful people?

Exodus answers that question by showing us a God who overcomes every obstacle—external and internal—to be with His people.

Mediators

Exodus makes it clear that without a mediator, it is impossible for sinful people to dwell with a holy God. Without Moses, Israel would have been destroyed after the golden calf. Without the High Priest, there is no one to represent the people before God.

The message is clear: we need a mediator. And ultimately, Exodus points us to our need for a greater High Priest—one who can represent us perfectly and intercede for us forever.

Why the Guide?

This guide is designed to help you reflect more deeply on the scriptures each week. We believe God calls us not only to hear His Word, but to do it—and faithful obedience begins with careful reflection. As you work through this guide, you will be invited to ask questions about the text, your own heart, and how the passage points you to Christ.

The goal is personal reflection. This resource is meant to help you go deeper in your own walk with the Lord. Throughout the week our Community Groups gather to connect and discuss applications from the sermon. When community combines with personal reflection the result is transformation! We encourage you to set aside about an hour each week to think prayerfully through the questions and to internalize what God is saying to you through His Word.

How to Use the Guide

Our goal is not just for you to hear the Word, but to internalize it—by reflecting on each passage, seeing how it points to Jesus, and actively applying it to our life..

Each section includes four parts:

READ

We know that time is tight, so instead of reading every passage in full, we've highlighted a key section that captures the heart of each movement in Exodus.

REFLECT

This is a time to slow down and think deeply about what you've read. Consider what the passage means and how it connects to your own life and experience.

DELIGHT

In 2 Corinthians 3:18, Paul reminds us that we are transformed as we “behold the glory of the Lord.” We believe that happens as we see Christ in the Scriptures. This section helps you slow down and consider how each passage points to Him—and why He is better.

DO

The goal of this reflection is not just more head knowledge—it’s transformation. Every passage is meant to shape the way we live.

So don’t stop at understanding the text. Ask: How should this change the way I think, live, and follow Jesus this week? Then identify one clear, specific step of obedience and act on it.

TIP FOR REFLECTION

If your time is limited, prioritize depth over breadth. You don’t need to cover every question. Prioritize meaningful reflection over completion. Be sure to spend intentional time in **Delight**—because transformation happens as we see and savor Christ—and in **Do**, where we turn what we’ve seen into action.

INTRODUCTION: EXODUS 1-2

GOD HEARS YOUR CRIES

READ: Exodus 1-2

KEY TEXT: Exodus 2:23-25.

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.

REFLECT

- When you look at these first two chapters, who stands out to you as a model of faithfulness under pressure? What specifically do you see in their response?
- Where do you see God's kindness to Moses and Israel in these chapters? How does that shape the way you view His kindness toward you?
- God sees, hears, and knows the suffering of His people. How does remembering that truth encourage you in your current circumstances?
- Where are you currently tempted to doubt that God sees or cares—and how does this passage confront that?

DELIGHT

- The promise underlying these chapters is that even in Israel's suffering, God had not forgotten His covenant with Abraham. In Jesus, we have an even greater assurance that God has not forgotten us. How does Jesus's life, death, and resurrection give you hope in the face of suffering—and even death?

DO

- What is one challenge or trial you're facing right now where you need a fresh reminder that God hears you and has not forgotten you?

- Share your challenge or trial from the question above with at least one person from your community group. Ask them the same question and then pray for one another.

EXODUS 3-4

WEAKNESS IS THE WAY

READ: Exodus 3-4

KEY TEXT: Exodus 4:10-17

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.”

REFLECT

- Why does Moses ask the Lord to send someone else? What reasons does he give for why he shouldn’t go?
- Which of Moses’ objections do you most relate to—and why?
- How does the Lord respond to Moses’ objections? What do His responses reveal about His character and His sovereignty?
- What help does God provide for Moses to accomplish the task? What does this teach us about our need for others when serving the Lord?

DELIGHT

- Just as God commanded Moses to go to Egypt, Jesus has commanded us to go and make disciples—and just as God promised to be with Moses, Jesus has promised to never leave us. How does that truth encourage you to step into gospel conversations this week?

DO

- Where is God calling you to go? Who is God calling you to disciple or share your faith with? Are you stepping forward in obedience, or—like Moses—finding reasons to hesitate or asking God to send someone else? Pray for the courage and desire to go where God is leading and then do what God is asking of you.

EXODUS 5-6

BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

READ: Exodus 5-6

KEY TEXT: Exodus 5:15-6:9

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.”

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.

REFLECT

- How did the Israelites respond when Moses’ message of deliverance only led to more suffering?

- How do you typically respond when the Lord seems to delay in keeping His promises?
- How did God respond to Moses' question: "O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me?" What does that reveal about Him?
- Why do you think the Israelites struggled to believe God's promise of deliverance? What makes it difficult for you to trust God's promises in your own life?

DELIGHT

- Like the Israelites, we have been given promises from God—and yet we still experience suffering. How do the promises of the gospel encourage you to remain patient and trust Him in the midst of it?

DO

- Where in your life are you experiencing "increased bricks without straw"? How will you intentionally anchor yourself in God's promises instead of your circumstances this week? Be specific.

EXODUS 7-11

NO GOD BUT ONE: THE 10 PLAGUES

READ: Exodus 7-11

KEY TEXT: Exodus 7:1-5

¹And the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ²You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. ³But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, ⁴Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. ⁵The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them.”

REFLECT

- According to this passage, what is the purpose of the plagues? What will the Egyptians know after God brings them?
- How do the plagues demonstrate God’s sovereignty over Egypt and its gods?
- What does God’s power over Egypt reveal about His authority over every obstacle that stands in the way of His promises? How does that encourage you in your own life?

DELIGHT

- In Exodus, God’s judgment reveals that He is the Lord. How does that same truth become clear at the cross? How does the judgment poured out at Golgotha display who He is?
(Hint: read Mark 15:39)

DO

- If the purpose of God’s actions is that you would know He is the Lord, what is one clear, concrete way you will live differently this week in response to who He has revealed Himself to be?

EXODUS 9:13-16

FOR THIS PURPOSE

READ: Exodus 9

KEY TEXT: Exodus 9:13-16

¹³ 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.

REFLECT

- What does God say He could have done to Pharaoh? Why did He restrain Himself instead of immediately wiping him out?
- Why did God raise up Pharaoh? What does He intend to accomplish through Pharaoh’s resistance?
- Read Joshua 2:9–10. How did God sovereignly use Pharaoh’s resistance to bring about salvation?

DELIGHT

- God sometimes allows even evil—like Pharaoh’s hardened heart—to bring about His glory and the salvation of others. How do we see this same truth at the cross? (*Hint: read Acts 2:22–24.*)

DO

- Where in your life are you trying to control an outcome instead of trusting God’s purposes? What would surrender look like in that situation this week? Be specific.

EXODUS 12-13

SAVED BY THE BLOOD: THE PASSOVER

READ: Exodus 12-13

KEY TEXT: Exodus 12:21-28

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.

REFLECT

- What is God about to do in this passage?
- Why do the Israelites need to kill the Passover lamb and spread its blood on the doorposts? What happens when the Lord sees the blood?
- Why does the Lord command His people to remember and observe the Passover “forever” (v.24)? What does He want them to remember?

DELIGHT

- In 1 Corinthians 5:7, Paul calls Jesus “our Passover lamb” who has been slain. In what ways is Christ like the Passover lamb—and how is He even greater?

DO

- Who is one person in your life who needs to hear about Jesus, the true Passover Lamb?
What is one step you will take this week to move toward that person—initiate a conversation, invite them, or share your story?

EXODUS 13:17-15:21

THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU: THE RED SEA

READ: Exodus 13-15

KEY TEXT: Exodus 15:1-21

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³ The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴ “Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵ The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸ At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹ The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

¹⁰ You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹ “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

¹² You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.

¹³ “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

¹⁴ The peoples have heard; they tremble;
pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

¹⁵ Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

¹⁶ Terror and dread fall upon them;
because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,
till your people, O LORD, pass by,
till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O LORD, which your hands have established.

¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

¹⁹ For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. ²⁰ Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. ²¹ And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

REFLECT

- Why is praise and worship an appropriate response to the Lord’s salvation?
- How do the Israelites describe the Lord in their song? What stands out to you?
- How does the Lord’s past salvation at the Red Sea give the Israelites hope for the future? (See vv. 13–18.)
- How has the Lord’s work in your life in the past given you confidence for the future?

DELIGHT

- In Revelation 15:2–4, the redeemed sing “the song of Moses... and the song of the Lamb.” Just as God saved His people and led them to worship, Jesus has saved us and leads us to praise. In what ways does His salvation move you to worship Him?

DO

- Turn your past into present praise. Write down one specific way God has been faithful to you—and how that truth is shaping the way you trust Him right now. Don't generalize—name it. Share what you wrote with someone in your community group this week.

EXODUS 16

QUICK TO FORGET: GRUMBLES IN THE DESERT

READ: Exodus 16

KEY TEXT: Exodus 16:1-15

¹They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’ ” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the Lord said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

REFLECT

- How did the Israelites respond when they lacked meat and bread in the wilderness? Given God’s track record of provision (see Exodus 15:22–27), how should they have responded?

- How do you typically respond in difficult or stressful situations—with faith and prayer, or with grumbling?
- Look again at verse 3. What are the Israelites saying? What does their grumbling reveal about how they view Egypt and their own redemption?
- What does God’s provision of manna and quail reveal about His character? What does His response—despite their grumbling—show you about His grace?

DELIGHT

- In what ways do we forget God’s past grace to us in Jesus?
- How does remembering God’s provision for us at the cross lead us to gratitude instead of grumbling?

DO

- Identify one current frustration. Then name one specific way God has already provided for you in a similar situation. How will you choose gratitude instead of grumbling this week? Be specific.

EXODUS 17

WATER FROM A ROCK

READ: Exodus 17

KEY TEXT: Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

REFLECT

- What is happening in this passage? Why are the Israelites grumbling?
- What question in verse 7 reveals the deeper issue beneath their thirst?
- Think back to the plagues. How does Moses’ staff symbolize judgment? What does it typically bring?
- What is surprising in this passage? Who deserves to be struck—and who is actually struck?
- How does verse 6 display God’s grace toward His grumbling people?

DELIGHT

- Read 1 Corinthians 10:4. In what ways does Exodus 17 foreshadow the gospel? How does it point you to Jesus?

DO

- You deserved to be struck, but Christ was struck for you. How should that truth shape the way you respond to pressure, need, or uncertainty this week?

EXODUS 19-24

RULES FOR THE RESCUED (PART ONE)

READ: Exodus 19-24

KEY TEXT: Exodus 20:1-11

And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

REFLECT

- Why do you think the Law begins with a reminder who is giving them the Law?
- How would you categorize these first four laws? (*Hint: read Jesus’s summary of the Law in Matthew 22:37-40.*)
- How do these four Laws display love for God?
- Which of these laws do you struggle to obey?

DELIGHT

- How does this passage show that obedience should flow from redemption, not the other way around? In other words, we should obey *because* we have been redeemed. How does the redemption Jesus has accomplished lead us to greater obedience?

DO

- Where is your love for God being crowded out by something else right now? In light of what God has done for you in Christ, what is one specific way you can grow in loving Him this week?

EXODUS 19-24

RULES FOR THE RESCUED (PART TWO)

READ: Exodus 19-24

KEY TEXT: Exodus 20:12-21

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” ²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

REFLECT

- How would you categorize this second set of laws? (*Hint: read Jesus’s summary of the Law in Matthew 22:37-40.*)
- How do these six Laws display love for people?
- Which of these laws do you struggle to obey?

DELIGHT

- At the heart of these six laws is the command to love others. In John 13:34, Jesus says: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” In what ways does Jesus renew the command to love others, and how does He enable us to obey?

DO

- Who is one person in your life you can intentionally love this week as Jesus has loved you? Take a moment to pray—ask Jesus to shape your heart to love like His and to give you the strength to follow through.

EXODUS 25-27

EDEN 2.0: THE TABERNACLE

READ: Exodus 25-27

KEY TEXT: Exodus 25:1-9

¹The Lord said to Moses, ²“Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. ³And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, ⁴blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats’ hair, ⁵tanned rams’ skins, goatskins, acacia wood, ⁶oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁷onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. ⁸And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. ⁹Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

REFLECT

- According to the Lord’s command, how are the people of Israel to give? Why does God require that their giving come from a willing heart?
- What is the purpose of the Tabernacle (v.8)? What does this reveal about God’s desire for His people?
- In what ways does the Tabernacle reflect the garden of Eden? How do these similarities show God’s consistent desire to dwell with His people?
- How does the truth that God has always made a way to dwell with His people shape your view of Him?

DELIGHT

- In the Garden, cherubim guarded the way back in. In the Tabernacle, veils warned people to stay out. But in Christ, the curtain has been torn. Read Hebrews 10:19–25. How should the reality that Jesus has opened the way into God’s presence shape the way you live?

DO

- Where in your life are you keeping your distance from God—even though Christ has made a way for you to come near? Why?

EXODUS 28-29, 39

WHO MAY DRAW NEAR? THE PRIESTS

READ: Exodus 28-28, 39

KEY TEXT: Exodus 28:6-30

⁶“And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and of fine twined linen, skillfully worked. ⁷It shall have two shoulder pieces attached to its two edges, so that it may be joined together. ⁸And the skillfully woven band on it shall be made like it and be of one piece with it, of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen. ⁹You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth. ¹¹As a jeweler engraves signets, so shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall enclose them in settings of gold filigree. ¹²And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders for remembrance. ¹³You shall make settings of gold filigree, ¹⁴and two chains of pure gold, twisted like cords; and you shall attach the corded chains to the settings.

¹⁵“You shall make a breastpiece of judgment, in skilled work. In the style of the ephod you shall make it—of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen shall you make it. ¹⁶It shall be square and doubled, a span its length and a span its breadth. ¹⁷You shall set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle shall be the first row; ¹⁸and the second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; ¹⁹and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; ²⁰and the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold filigree. ²¹There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes. ²²You shall make for the breastpiece twisted chains like cords, of pure gold. ²³And you shall make for the breastpiece two rings of gold, and put the two rings on the two edges of the breastpiece. ²⁴And you shall put the two cords of gold in the two rings at the edges of the breastpiece. ²⁵The two ends of the two cords you shall attach to the two settings of filigree, and so attach it in front to the shoulder pieces of the ephod. ²⁶You shall make two rings of gold, and put them at the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inside edge next to the ephod. ²⁷And you shall make two rings of gold, and attach them in front to the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, at its seam above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. ²⁸And they shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, so that it may lie on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, so that the breastpiece shall not come loose from the ephod. ²⁹So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the Lord. ³⁰And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron’s heart, when he goes in before the

Lord. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the Lord regularly.

REFLECT

- How do the High Priest's ephod and breastpiece demonstrate his role? (See vv.12, 29–30.) What do they show about how he represents the people before God?
- Why couldn't just anyone in Israel enter the Tabernacle? Why were mediators—like priests—necessary?
- Why do we need a Mediator to approach God?
- How does God's commitment to "remember" His people through the priestly garments demonstrate His love? What comes to mind when you consider that a High Priest is currently bringing your name before God?

DELIGHT

- Read Hebrews 7:23–27 and 10:11–22. How is Jesus a better High Priest than Aaron and his descendants?

DO

- When you feel distant from God this week, what will you remind yourself is true about Jesus's intercession for you?

EXODUS 32

A GOD WE CAN SEE: THE GOLDEN CALF

READ: Exodus 32

KEY TEXT: Exodus 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ²So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” ⁶And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

REFLECT

- Why do you think the Israelites made the golden calf? What did they believe they needed in that moment?

- According to Acts 7:39–41, what does the golden calf reveal about the condition of Israel’s heart?
- What does this passage teach us about the nature of sin and idolatry? Why is it so easy for God’s people to return to it?

DELIGHT

- The Israelites forgot that God was better and more powerful than the gods of Egypt. In what ways do we forget that Jesus is a better and more satisfying Savior than anything else we pursue?

DO

- Paul says these things were written for our instruction so that we would not fall into idolatry (see 1 Corinthians 10:6–7, 11). What situation in your life right now is tempting you to want “a god you can see”—something more immediate, controllable, or tangible than trusting God?

EXODUS 40

HIS PRESENCE IS HERE

READ: Exodus 40

KEY TEXT: Exodus 40:34-38

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

REFLECT

- How does this passage display God's faithfulness and grace toward His people?
- What does the cloud represent? What does it reveal about God's presence with Israel?
- How does the truth that God overcomes every obstacle—Pharaoh, the wilderness, and even His people's grumbling—to dwell among them shape your view of His goodness?

DELIGHT

- John 1:14 says that the Word "became flesh and tabernacled among us." In what ways is Jesus the true and better Tabernacle? How does He show us that God is truly with us?

DO

- Do you live with an awareness that God is with you, or do you function as if He is distant? What needs to change this week?

APPENDIX

HOW TO SEE JESUS IN THE BIBLE A GUIDE TO CHRIST-CENTERED BIBLE READING

Many people start reading the Bible with good intentions—but over time it can begin to feel confusing, dry, or like a duty. The problem is often not discipline, but direction. We weren't meant to read the Bible just for information or application—we were meant to read it to see Jesus.

Jesus Himself said that the Scriptures “bear witness about me” (John 5:39). When we miss Him, we miss the point. The goal of Bible reading is not just to learn truth, but to know and enjoy Christ. Real transformation doesn't come from trying harder—it comes from seeing Him more clearly (2 Corinthians 3:18).

The ROAD to Jesus

Every passage of Scripture leads to Jesus. Our task is to follow the **ROAD**.

R — Read the Text

- Slow down and pay attention to the text itself.
- Look for key words, repeated ideas, actions, and structure.
- The goal is not speed, but understanding.

O — Observe the Message

- What does it say?
- Ask: What is the author actually communicating?
- Summarize the passage in your own words.
- Don't import meaning—discover it.

A — Anchor to Christ

- How does it point to Jesus?
- Every passage leads to Him. Look for:
 - **Problems** → What problem(s) does this expose that Jesus solves?
 - **Promises** → What promise(s) is fulfilled in Christ?

- **Pictures** → What people, places, or things foreshadow Him?
- **Patterns** → Are there key movements or patterns in the storyline that prepare for Him? (Example: the great reversal—the prideful being humbled and the humble being exalted)
- **Paradoxes** → What tension can only be resolved through Jesus’s person and work? (For example: How can God justly “put away” David’s sin with Bathsheba? How can God be both merciful and gracious?)
- **Produce** → What does this call for that we cannot do without Him? (Example: loving and forgiving others)

The question is never *if* a passage leads to Jesus—but *how*.

D — Depend & Do

- What is my next step?
- Application flows from seeing Jesus, not from trying harder.
- Ask: In light of who Jesus is and what He has done, what is my next step?
- Then pray and depend on the Spirit to help you obey.

Final Reminder

The Bible is not just a book to study—it is a place to meet Jesus. When we read to see Him, duty becomes delight, and Scripture becomes life-giving. Every page is a pathway leading to Christ—and as we follow it, we are changed.

*For an expanded explanation of the ROAD METHOD, click [HERE!](#)