



Exodus 19-40 || New Commandments, New Covenant: The Story, Pt. 5

Why would a holy God choose to rescue a ragtag group of runaway slaves from Egypt? As the story in Exodus unfolds, we discover that God rescues us before we deserve it, and that changes everything; obedience doesn't earn God's love. It answers it.

Bottom line: Obedience doesn't earn God's love; it answers it.

Discussion Questions:

1. Many of us are comfortable with a little impurity in our thoughts, entertainment, words, or relationships. Why is it so easy to tolerate small compromises? How do those small compromises add up in our lives and in our culture?
2. **Read Exodus 20:18-21.** Why is a sense of awe before God healthy? How can God be "not safe" and still be completely good?
3. Why were the 10 Commandments important to the culture 3000 years ago? Do you consider them influential in today's culture? Why or why not.
4. **Read Exodus 19:4 & 20:2.** Why do you think God established the relationship before giving the rules? How does that order change the way you think about following him?
5. **Read Galatians 3:24-25; Hebrews 8:13.** In your own words, how did Jesus fulfill the old covenant law?
6. **Read Titus 3:5-7.** As Christians, what should our active response be to this passage?
7. The word holy means "set apart for a special purpose." What does it look like for ordinary people like us to live set apart today? What can you do this week to remove some of the little impurities and live more "set apart"?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?

Moses and Jesus Comparison

Moses	Jesus
Moses fasts forty days and nights on Sinai. Exodus 34:28	Jesus fasts forty days and nights in the wilderness. Matthew 4:2
Moses goes up the mountain and gives God's Law. Exodus 19–20	Jesus goes up the mountain and teaches new kingdom laws and ethics. Matthew 5–7
Moses takes three men with him up the mountain: Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu. Exodus 24:1, 9	Jesus takes three men with him up the Mount of Transfiguration: Peter, James, and John. Matthew 17:1
On Sinai, God speaks from a cloud, and Moses' face shines. Exodus 24:16; 34:29	On a mountain, God speaks from a cloud, and Jesus' face shines like the sun. Matthew 17:2, 5
Moses promises that God will raise up a prophet like him, and that the people must listen to him. Deuteronomy 18:15	On the Mount of Transfiguration, the Father speaks from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5
Moses offers to be blotted out of God's book in place of the people. Exodus 32:32	Jesus didn't just offer. He did it. Matthew 26:28

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.