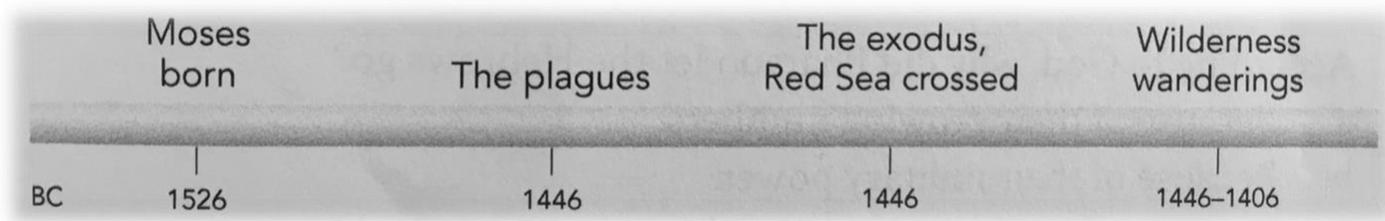


The Story

Session 5: Deliverance

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“Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand.” Exodus 13:3 (NIV)



1. Opening & Praying

2. Introduction:

“Be careful when you say "I could never" or "I would never."
God might just call you to do the very thing.
you are sure would never show up on the radar of your life.”

- **Reflect on it/Talk About It:** Tell about a person you know who has overcome obstacles and accomplished things. What about that person encourages you?

3. Review:

As we go through *The Story* together, we want to learn how to tell the story. This week we continue our focus on Movement 1 portion of the Story. Read through Movement 1 below several times as you continue to commit it to memory.

In the Upper Story, God creates the Lower Story. God’s vision is to come down and be with us in a beautiful garden. The first two people reject God’s vision and are escorted from paradise. Their decision introduces sin into the human race and keeps us from community with God. At this moment God gives a promise and launches a plan to get us back. The rest of the Bible is God’s story of how he kept that promise and made it possible for us to enter a loving relationship with

US. Movement 1: The Story of the Garden (Genesis 1 – 11)

Picture	Portion of The Story	Portion of the Bible
	The Story of the Garden	Genesis 1–11
	The Story of Israel	Genesis 12–Malachi
	The Story of Jesus	Matthew–John (Gospels)
	The Story of the Church	Acts–Jude
	The Story of a New Garden	Revelation

4. Know the Story: Pop Quiz

- Why did Pharaoh's daughter agree to keep Moses?
 - a. She felt sorry for him.
 - b. She was barren and wanted a child.
 - c. She did not know he was a Hebrew child.
 - d. She was trying to hide him from the public.

- According to God, why did Pharaoh let the Hebrews go?
 - a. Because of their growing numbers.
 - b. Because of their military power.
 - c. Because of God's mighty hand.
 - d. Because of the plagues.

- Why did Pharaoh change his mind and pursue the Israelites to the Red Sea?
 - a. He was angry that they had escaped in the night.
 - b. He was upset they had taken so much plunder from the Egyptians.
 - c. He saw that the plagues had stopped.
 - d. He was concerned the Egyptians had lost their free labour source.

- If the people listened and kept God's commands, what did God promise to do?
 - a. To give them manna to eat.
 - b. They would not get any Egyptian diseases.
 - c. To provide quail meat.
 - d. To provide water to drink from a rock.

5. Understand the Story: Video with Randy Frazee

Video Guide: As you watch the video use the following outline to record anything that stands out to you.

- God is in control no matter what the circumstances:
 - Moses said, "I am slow of speech and _____."

 - In the Lower Story, Moses isn't _____ for such an important task.

- God always chooses the right person: God's view of Moses
 - The best thing we can do is say, " _____ " to God.

- God's name:

- God will accomplish his plan:
 - God has _____ on whom God wants to have _____.

 - We will be saved by the blood of an _____ lamb.

6. Video Discussion/Journaling: Write down your answers.

- Tell about a time you were minding your own business, going through your normal Lower Story life, and God showed up, revealed himself, or spoke to you in some surprising way. Share a time when you said "yes" to God, even when you were scared or didn't feel adequate for the task ahead. How did God show up and lead you?

In the Lower Story it looked like Pharaoh was controlling the world. Not for one moment! The time has come for God to deliver Israel and get them back on the path toward God's promise. It is time to once again reveal God's name, God's power, and God's plan. God just needs the right point person.

- God is dramatically active in his people's deliverance--God is engaged, God cares (Exodus 3:1-10 or THE STORY pp. 45-46). Looking specifically at verses 7 - 10, what do you learn about God in the following areas?
 - **What did God see, hear, and feel?**
 - **What actions does God promise?**
 - **What did God call *Moses* to do?**

In the Lower Story Moses isn't qualified for such an important task. But in the upper story God sees Moses' weakness as the best channel for God's strength. When Israel is successful in being freed from the Egyptian oppression, everyone will see God - and not worship Moses.

- How is Passover (Exodus 21:1-24; THE STORY, pp. 51-52) an ancient sign pointing to the death of Jesus on the cross as the final Lamb of God who will take away the sin of the world (John 1:29)?

7. Conversation

The two had barely sat down to dinner when Dwayne started describing challenges at work, so Mike just tried to listen. Messy office politics, a demanding boss, unreasonable deadlines, and limited pay increases were burying Dwayne. When their food arrived, the onslaught continued with Dwayne's issues at home, marriage tension, and financial burdens. Dessert shifted the talk to struggles with kids, arguments, and their choices of friends. Finally, Dwayne said, "We're thinking about just quitting, packing up the house and kids, and moving back to our hometown to start over." *Mike wants to provide godly counsel, but where do you think he should start? Based on what you read and learned this week, what advice would you try to share with Dwayne if you were in Mike's shoes?*

8. Double Check Your Pop Quiz

Answer Key: a / c / d / b

Video Notes Answer Key: tongue / qualified / yes / mercy / mercy / unblemished

9. Next Week: Session 5: New Commands and New Commandments