



EXODUS

SALVATION FROM THE LORD

In our Sunday sermon, we delved into the narrative of Exodus to explore the theme of God's unwavering faithfulness and providential care in times of persecution and suffering. We were reminded of the courage and faith of figures such as the Hebrew midwives and Moses' mother, who trusted God's protection despite facing increasing marginalization, similar to the Israelites under a new Pharaoh. Their stories, along with the growth of God's people under oppression, serve as powerful testaments to God's sovereignty and challenge us to stand firm in our faith, hope, and love while acting as agents of hope and grace in a suffering world. We concluded with the assurance that our current trials are not the end of our story. We were inspired to live as testimonies of God's enduring faithfulness while holding fast to the promise of ultimate deliverance in Christ.

Monday: The Enduring Faithfulness of God

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 1:7-14

Devotional:

In the opening chapters of Exodus, we encounter the Israelites under severe oppression by the Egyptian Pharaoh. Yet, despite the harsh conditions, the Israelite population continued to grow, a testament to God's enduring promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This mirrors the challenges faced by believers today, where circumstances often seem to oppose God's promises. However, it's in these moments that God's faithfulness shines brightest, reminding us that His plans for us are not thwarted by human actions or worldly oppression.

The growth of the Israelites amidst persecution serves as a powerful illustration of how God's purposes can flourish even in the most adverse conditions. God's faithfulness to the Israelites reminds us that He is the same God who sees, hears, and acts on behalf of His people. May we hold fast to the promise of God's unwavering faithfulness, trusting that He will fulfill His promises to us as He did with the Israelites. As believers, we are assured that no matter the persecution or trials we face, God is actively working behind the scenes, orchestrating events for the growth of His kingdom and for our benefit.

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. How have you seen God's faithfulness manifest in your life during difficult times?
2. In what ways can the assurance of God's sovereignty and goodness change how we respond to persecution or hardship?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your enduring faithfulness and Your sovereign control over every circumstance. Help us to see Your hand at work even in the midst of trials and to trust in Your promises. Strengthen our faith, so that like the Israelites, we may grow and thrive no matter the adversity we face. Amen.

Tuesday: The Courage to Obey God Over Man

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 1:15-21

Devotional:

The story of the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, is a striking example of fearless faith and obedience to God over man's edicts. Despite the potential consequences from the Pharaoh, these women chose to fear God more than the most powerful man in Egypt. Their actions not only saved many lives but also demonstrated the power of faithfulness to God's commands over human authority when the two are in conflict.

This narrative challenges us to evaluate our own priorities and allegiances. In a world that often pressures us to conform to ungodly standards and values, the courage of the midwives reminds us of the importance of obeying God rather than men, especially when the commands of authorities stand in direct opposition to God's Word. Their story encourages us to stand firm in our convictions and to act in faith, trusting that God honors those who honor Him.

May we have the courage to stand up for what is right, to protect and defend the innocent, and to be unwavering in our commitment to follow God's commands, even when it means facing opposition. As we do so, we can trust that God is with us, empowering us to make difficult choices and blessing our efforts to serve Him faithfully.

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. Have you ever faced a situation where obeying God meant going against human authority? How did you

respond?

2. What does the example of the midwives teach us about the importance of fearing God over man?

Prayer:

Lord, grant us the courage and strength to always choose Your way, even when it contradicts the expectations of the world around us. Help us to fear You above all else and to live out our faith boldly and without compromise. Bless us with wisdom to know when to stand firm in our convictions and the grace to do so in a manner that honors You. Amen.

Wednesday: God's Provision in Unlikely Circumstances

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 2:1-10

Devotional:

The birth and preservation of Moses is a powerful testimony to God's sovereignty and provision in the most unlikely of circumstances. Moses' mother, faced with the decree that all Hebrew male infants be killed, placed her son in a basket on the Nile, entrusting him to God's care. This act of faith resulted in Moses being raised within Pharaoh's own household, positioning him to become Israel's deliverer.

Moses' story reminds us that God often works in ways we cannot foresee or understand. It encourages us to trust in God's providence and to be open to the ways He may choose to preserve and use us for His purposes. Like Moses' mother, we are called to act in faith, doing what we can and then trusting God with the outcome, believing that He can bring about His plans through any situation.

Let us be encouraged by the knowledge that God is always at work, even in the most desperate situations. His ability to orchestrate events for our good and His glory is not limited by our understanding or expectations. May we, like Moses' mother, place our lives and the lives of those we love in His capable hands, trusting in His protective care and providence.

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. How does the story of Moses' preservation challenge us to trust God in difficult situations?
2. In what ways have you experienced God's provision in your life, especially in circumstances that seemed hopeless?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your protective hand and providential care over our lives. Help us to trust You fully, especially in situations that appear hopeless. Guide us to take steps of faith, knowing that You are capable of using any circumstance for Your purposes. Amen.

Thursday: The Power of Growth Amidst Persecution

Scripture Reading:

Acts 8:1-4

Devotional:

The early church faced intense persecution, yet this did not hinder its growth; instead, it catalyzed the spread of the Gospel. The scattering of believers led to the preaching of the Word beyond Jerusalem, fulfilling Jesus' command to be His witnesses "to the ends of the earth." This pattern of growth amidst persecution is a recurring theme in God's kingdom, showing that what is intended to suppress the faith can actually serve to strengthen and expand it.

This historical pattern invites us to reconsider our perspective on trials and opposition. Instead of viewing persecution solely as a hindrance, we can see it as an opportunity for growth and for the furtherance of the Gospel. It challenges us to remain faithful and to witness boldly, trusting that God can use even the most difficult circumstances for the expansion of His kingdom.

Let us be inspired by the resilience and faith of the early Christians. As we face our own trials, may we also seize the opportunity to be witnesses of Christ's love and salvation, trusting that God will use our faithfulness to extend His kingdom, just as He did with the early church.

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. How can the example of the early church influence our response to persecution or opposition today?
2. What opportunities for growth and witness might God be presenting to you in your current circumstances?

Prayer:

Lord, help us to see Your hand at work even in the midst of persecution and trials. Strengthen our resolve to be faithful witnesses of Your Gospel, using every opportunity to spread Your love and truth. Empower us to trust in Your sovereign plan, knowing that You can bring growth and goodness out of our challenges. Amen.

Friday: The Assurance of God's Presence in Trials

Scripture Reading:

Romans 8:28

Devotional:

Romans 8:28 offers profound assurance that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. This promise holds true regardless of our current circumstances, reminding us of God's sovereign control and His ability to use even the worst situations for our ultimate benefit and His glory.

This verse encourages us to view our trials through the lens of faith, trusting that God is present with us in our suffering and actively working to bring about good. It challenges us to maintain hope and to look for God's hand at work, even when we cannot see the immediate outcome. Our confidence in God's promise allows us to face each day with hope, knowing that our current struggles are part of a larger, divine narrative of redemption and grace.

Let us take comfort in the knowledge that nothing is wasted in God's economy. Every trial, every hardship, and every moment of suffering is being used by God to shape us, to grow His kingdom, and to bring about His good purposes in our lives and in the world around us. May this assurance inspire us to live with hope and to trust in God's unfailing love and sovereign plan.

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. How does knowing that God works all things together for good change your perspective on current struggles?
2. What are some ways you can actively trust God's promise in Romans 8:28 in your daily life?

Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank You for the promise that You are working all things together for our good. Help us to trust in Your sovereignty and love, especially during times of trial. Grant us the peace that comes from knowing You are in control and the hope that springs from Your unfailing promises. Amen.

Saturday: Living as Testimonies of God's Faithfulness

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 2:9

Devotional:

1 Peter 2:9 reminds us that we are chosen by God, called out of darkness into His marvelous light to proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us. This calling is not just for our benefit but also for the purpose of being a light to those around us, living as testimonies of God's enduring faithfulness and His power to save.

As believers, our lives are meant to reflect the character of God, demonstrating His love, grace, and truth to a world in need. This means embracing our identity in Christ and allowing His light to shine through us in every situation. It challenges us to live in such a way that others can see the difference Christ makes in our lives and be drawn to Him.

Let us commit to living as faithful witnesses of God's love and salvation. As we do so, we become beacons of hope and grace, pointing others to the ultimate deliverance found in Christ. May our lives be marked by faith, hope, and love, serving as living testimonies of God's faithfulness and His power to transform lives.

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. In what ways can you live more intentionally as a testimony of God's faithfulness?
2. How does understanding your identity in Christ affect the way you interact with those around you?

Prayer:

Father, thank You for calling us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Empower us to live as testimonies of Your faithfulness, reflecting Your love, grace, and truth in our daily lives. Help us to embrace our identity in Christ and to be beacons of hope to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.