

A GUIDE FOR FOLLOWING GOD BY FAITH

All God calls us to do, He provides.

2 CORINTHIANS 8.9





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ABOUT THIS STUDY

Sometimes God leads us where it doesn't make sense; sometimes it makes way too much sense. Sometimes following takes a ton of risk; sometimes we follow into mundane obedience.

Here's the question: will you say "yes?"

No matter what He calls you into, no matter where He leads to go, no matter how massive the cost, or insignificant it seems. Will you say "yes" to what God leads you to do, not do, give up, take up, think, give, or share?

Disciples of Christ keep saying "yes" to Him. This is the life of a Christian. This is walking by faith. Rest assured, as you follow Him by faith into whatever He calls you to do, He will provide (2 Corinthians 8.9, 9.8). This look into Moses's life will help make us a people who say "yes" to whatever God calls us into!

As we say "yes" to Him as moms, lawyers, as contractors, neighbors, missionaries, in our personal lives, and in our generosity, we will experience the joy-filled ride of obedience to Christ.

As 100% of us say "yes" to giving ourselves generously to His plans, we anticipate seeing God provide a faith-filled down payment to prepare The Well to say "yes" to a *permanent worship and ministry space* here in Silver Spring.

All He calls us into, He provides.

Follow the below schedule to study Moses's life on your own, and discuss what God is showing you together with your group. This and more can be found at sayyes.thewellsilverspring.org.

PERSONAL DAILY STUDY

Following the below process, prayerfully read the scheduled passage of Exodus. Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. Consider the above supplemental questions per each

given week. Check out the GROW Tool, or one of our other simple study guides online, which provides the full detail this summary below (links for GROW Guide below):

Get Into It

First, we ask: "What does this say?"

Read the passage a few times and carefully observe the words; give full attention to what it says. The purpose is to saturate in the content of the passage.

Look for things such as: important words (what's being talked about), conjunctions (how is one idea connected to another), admonitions (something

being commanded), contrasts, comparisons, illustrations, repeated phrases/words, mood, and grammatical construction (verb tenses, prepositional phrases, etc.).

Linger here, listening to what God is saying in the detail of His words. Write down questions that the passage raises for you, things you don't understand, ideas you'd like to pursue further.

Resources

We now ask ourselves: "What does it mean?"

Use the observations you just gathered, the context of the section, and other passages of scripture to get at the meaning of what you have read. You will particularly want to read the OT references and

stories alluded to in each section. Consider using a commentary, the ESV Study Bible notes, or other resources to help.

We've listed resources in the GROW document linked below.

Outline

Next: *summarize the main truth* you heard from God in His word.

Consider writing out the synthesized truth in your

own words. Outline, diagram, draw, or flowchart the line of thought or main idea of the passage.

Summarize what jumped out of His word.

Why Does it Matter?

Now we must ask: "How do I respond?"

After meeting God in His word, we cannot ignore, or walk away unchanged. Why does the truth you heard matter to you today?

Is there something new to believe, cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there something for you to do (or not do) in response to what you have read?

Is there someone with whom to share this truth (believer *or* nonbeliever)?

Do not forget to apply the gospel for your forgiveness, and as the reason compelling your obedience:

Christ is enough!

He has forgiven you for ____ and He is the reason why we ____

TOOLS

GROW or SOAP Bible Study Doc

(thewellsilverspring.org/resources)

Use one of our short guides on how to study the Bible to guide you in studying the scriptures referenced for each week.

3D Meeting Guide

(thewellsilverspring.org/resources)

Use this guide to help you discuss the Bible, share life, and pray with each other.

Other Resources

Commentaries to help clarify challenging sections of Exodus:

i. Matthew Henry Commentary (Free Online)

ii. NIV Application Commentary

iii. ESV Study Bible

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Say "Yes" To the Promise of God

EXODUS 3.1-12

QUESTIONS	Who, what, where, when is Exodus written?
	Why does this matter for the message of the book and theme of Moses's life?
	What do we learn about God in this passage, particularly why and how He accomplishes His purposes?
	Focus on verse 12. How is this promise daunting <i>and</i> encouraging to both Moses and you?
SO WHAT?	What promise of God do you need to cling to today, that you might say "yes" to what He is asking you to do, not do, give, share, etc?

Say "Yes," No Excuses

EXODUS 3.13 - 4.17

QUESTIONS	What is God calling Moses to do?
	What are the excuses that Moses gives for obeying God's command?
	Which do you resonate with, and where have these excuses kept you from obedience to God in the past, or currently?
	What gets Moses over the hump?
SO WHAT?	What excuse are you clinging to that keeps you from saying "yes" to what God is calling you to do, not do, give, share, think, etc?

Say "Yes," Experience the Impossible Exodus 6 - 12

QUESTIONS	How would you describe Moses just before he sees God's massive power to rescue His people (compare to Chapter 5)?
	Which of the plagues most deeply impact Pharaoh, and which astonishes you?
	Focus on <i>Exodus 12.33-50</i> . How does God provide over and above all that He has called Moses and the people into?
	Why (and to whom) does God institute the Passover Meal?
SO WHAT?	If God moved in might on the back end of your obedience, what might He do, what might it look like, who might have their life changed, how would He be made known, and how might you be changed?

Say "Yes," Everybody

EXODUS 18

QUESTIONS	What are the factors that compel Moses to equip others for God's work?
	What are the benefits of this 'all hands on deck' obedience?
	Read 1 Corinthians 12.14-26 and Romans 12.3-8 . What jumps out of these passages?
	How has God shaped His body and why is each part integral?
	Do you see your part of obedience as integral to the work of God on earth? Why or why not?
SO WHAT?	Are you engaging 100% in saying "yes" to what God has called you to, how He has made you, with what He has given you? Will you pray and seek God on how He is calling you to give generously and sacrificially in this time?

Say "Yes" to Amazing Generosity EXODUS 35.1 - 36.7

QUESTIONS	What and why was God calling the people to give?
	Who gives and how much is given?
	How is this gift a response to God's grace?
	How are these gifts for the purpose of God's plans?
	Read 2 Corinthians 8.8-15 and 9.1-15 . What similar principles for giving emerge from this passage?
SO WHAT?	Have you sought God's leading on what He is calling you to say "yes" to in financial investment in the work of the gospel at The Well? Have you said "yes" to giving not a penny more or less than what He is calling you into? Have you decided on a kick-start gift to give on May 23rd from your stocks, stuff to sell, or savings? Have you decided on what to give in the next 12 months over and above your normal giving? Is the gospel motivating this gift, and is it sacrificial and generous?

Say "Yes" Until the End

EXODUS 40

QUESTIONS

Consider the details of *Exodus 40* and think back over all that saying "yes" led to in Moses's life. Why is the phrase "Moses finished the work" (*verse 33*) satisfying, joy-giving, painful, wonderful... etc?

Deuteronomy 33-34 recounts Moses's final blessing and death as he sends God's people into the Promised Land. What jumps out to you about Moses's blessing and prayer (*chapter 33*) and his death (*chapter 34*)?

Consider **2** *Timothy 4.6-8* where Paul summarizes the end of his life. What constitutes and motivates a life well-lived to God by faith?

SO WHAT?

What would it look like for you to begin saying "yes" to God more faithfully in the big role areas of your life (ex. mom, employee, boss, neighbor, church member, etc.)? What small details have you said "no" to God in, and what would it look like to turn those into a "yes?" How does eternal salvation and God's grace now impact these areas of obedience?

Review the Past Study

QUESTIONS	Dig more into the weeks and themes that most resonated with you.
	What promises has God shown you?
	What excuses are you hanging on to?
	What amazing things have you seen God do, or what might He do on the back end of saying "yes" to Him in obedience?
	Have you sought His calling you to give? Have you done so?
	What would it look like to lay the foundation for ending well in your life having said "yes" to God over and over again, even today in your 20s, 30s, 40s?

TOGETHER WITH YOUR 3D GROUP

Use the following format to discuss the passage together in your 3D group. You'll find the specific supplementary questions for Moses's life (Exodus)

in the above schedule. You can also find the full details for 3D discussion in our <u>3D Meeting Guide</u>. Here is a summary:

Bible

First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:

- What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?
- How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?
- Where is the gospel connected to this truth? What does this highlight about who we are, or about who God is?

Life

Share about how this truth impacts your life today:

For you today, why does this specifically matter?

Is there something God calling you to obey in response to His word?

Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe, promise to cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there someone to share this truth with?

Prayer

Pray throughout your time together.

Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared.

Close in prayer.

Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation.

Praise Him.

Confess sin to Him

Thank Him

Ask Him for His power and provision.