

EXODUS

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■ Days of Darkness

Exodus 1:8-22

Message Big Idea

Though Circumstances may seem out of control, we can trust that God is in control.

BACKGROUND

The author of the book of Exodus is Moses. In Genesis, God had promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit the land of Canaan. He also told Abraham that his family would be mistreated and enslaved for 400 years (Gen. 15:13). Exodus picks up the story of Israel as God is preparing to act on His promise to Abraham. It is the story of how God freed them from slavery and established them as a nation. Chapter one sets the stage of how badly the Egyptian were treating the Israelites.

BELONG

What does slavery look like today both physically and spiritually?

GROW

1. Exodus 1:8-9 talks about a king in Egypt who did not know Joseph or trust his family. Briefly recall how Joseph came to Egypt and how God had used him to bless the Egyptians (Gen. 37-41).
2. Exodus 1:10-14 describes how God allowed the Israelites to suffer greatly but He also protected them. Why do you think God didn't simply eliminate their suffering?
3. In Exodus 1:15-21 Pharaoh attempts to make life worse for the Israelites by trying to get midwives to kill Jewish baby boys. The midwives disobeyed Pharaoh because they feared God. What risk did these women take and how did God bless them? Are there similar circumstances that Christians face today?
4. Pharaoh continued to try to kill Jewish baby boys in spite of the midwives (Ex.1:22). Based on

Exodus 2, it appears as though the people of Egypt were willing accomplices. How have you seen evil grow and become accepted or the suffering of believers increase?

REACH

1. How should faith in God's promises change our responses to difficult situations?
2. How does God promise to provide for His people through difficult times?
3. God has promised to help us respond (John 14:26, 16:13) to those who hate us because of our faith. How might these promises give you courage to initiate conversations about spiritual matters?