

EXODUS

PART 2: IDENTITY



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The Gift of Music

Exodus 15:1-21

Message Big Idea

Singing honors God and inspires others to honor Him as God.

Reading Plan

Israel's first response to their miraculous salvation was for the community of faith to break out in song. Singing is a vitally important expression of worship, yet tragically, song selection and style has divided more churches today than doctrine. Worship is our expression of reverence towards a God who is deserving of our praise. Just like the Israelites,

“The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.”

Exodus 15:2

we have the ability and responsibility to look at God in awe and reverence through our worship. When we infuse our lives with the songs that honor God, we change our perspective to see Him at work in our lives. Take advantage of the Spotify playlist available on the Exodus resources page, or listen to worship music as you read, pray, and journal this week. This week, dive into the scriptures below using the **PLANT** method to help open up the light of God's word:

- **Prepare** - Put away distractions and ask God to prepare your heart for your reading and journaling time.
- **Learn** - What does this passage have to teach me today? Write down lessons that characters learned or principles that are present that you can glean from this passage.

- **Ask Questions** - What don't you understand about the passage? Take time to write down these questions. What could be illuminated through further study? What principles should you discuss with those around you?
- **Name Truth** - What are some of the nuggets of truth from this passage that you can learn from? What truths do you need to take away and put into practice?
- **Take Action** - What will you do with what you've read? How can you put the lessons and truth into action this week? Write out your steps and follow them!

Monday: Exodus 15:1-21

Tuesday: Psalm 96:1-13

Wednesday: Psalm 9:1-20

Thursday: Psalm 66:1-20

Friday: Psalm 100:1-5

Saturday: Exodus 15:1-21

Prayer Guide

This week, take time to find worship music that is rooted in Biblical truth. Our Spotify playlist is a great place to start! Try picking out a song from each of the following categories, listen to the lyrics, and reflect/journal about the truth in the songs.

- **Psalms** - Listen to a Psalm that has been recorded with music. Or read a Psalm.
- **Hymn** - Songs that are rooted in tradition, seeking God and WHO he is.
- **Contemporary Worship** - A song that might be played at gracespring or on the radio. More modern attempts to see God's nature and what he has created.
- **Respond** - As you listen to these different types of songs, pay careful attention to the lyrics. Journal about the theme and message of the song. What are they trying to say about God? Is there a specific lyric or line that stands out to you the most? Write down that lyric. Pray the words of the song that you are listening to. Give glory to God in your personal prayer time. Take time to express the emotions that these songs brought about as you listened to them. Ultimately, praise God for who he is and how is moving in your life. Try to listen to at least one of each of these types of songs each day and record your thoughts and prayers.