

Week of 03-19-2023
Series: The Story, Ch. 3, Pt. 3
Sermon: Crossing Over
Text: Exodus 14

Sermon Outline:

1. God saves us from bondage. (1-9)
2. God saves us by grace. (10-14)
3. God saves us through the work of the mediator. (15-31)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Exodus 14:1-9, John 8:31-36, & Galatians 5:1 and discuss the following:
 - Have you ever considered what it would be like to be owned by a person who physically forced their will and agenda on you and your family for your entire life?
 - Have you ever felt enslaved to sin in that manner (mentioned above)?
 - Are all non-Christians enslaved to sin whether they realize it or not?
 - If applicable, when you became a Christian, were there certain sins from which you felt immediate freedom? If appropriate, share.
 - On Sunday morning, we heard: *If you are in Christ then you have been saved from bondage to all [your old slave masters]—you've been freed from your natural bent towards making good things into God things—but, like the Israelites, you will be pursued by them.* What do you do (or must you do) to live in the freedom that you have in Christ?

2. Read Exodus 14:10-14 and Ephesians 2:8-9. Everything God is calling you to do, He's calling you to do in response to His grace... not to earn it.

- How does Exodus 14:10-14 give us a glimpse of how God's grace saves us today?

The Israelites in ch14 had already been released from physical slavery. But now fear, anxiety, and restlessness have brought their hearts back into bondage. Notice that in Exodus 14:13-14, there were some things that Moses commanded the Israelites to do.

- How might those commands be connected with personal faith?
- Where are some ways in which you might need to grow in your faith?

3. Read Exodus 14:15-31. On Sunday morning, we heard: *In Moses we see a man who is so identified with his people that their sin is attributed to him. And in Moses we see a man who is so identified with God that God works through him to save his people.*

- Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6, and Hebrews 3:1-5. How is Jesus "the better" Moses, specifically when it comes to our salvation from sin and death?