

# When It Seems Like God Is Hard of Hearing

EXODUS 2:23-25

LIVING  
FAITHFULLY  
IN A  
FOREIGN  
*Land*

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## I. Critical Times

*During those many days the king of Egypt died ... v. 23a*

THE COURT IN EGYPT	THE DESERT OF MIDIAN	THE NEGEV WILDERNESS
40 Years of Privilege	40 Years of Exile	40 Years of Leadership
<i>Exodus 2:1-14</i>	<i>Exodus 2:15-25</i>	<i>Exodus 3—Deuteronomy 34</i>
Pride	Humility	Service
<i>Acts 7:20-28</i>	<i>Acts 7:29</i>	<i>Acts 7:30-43</i>
<i>Hebrews 11:23</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:24-26</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:27</i>

## II. Desperate Prayers

*... and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. v. 23b*

## III. The God Who Cares

*And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel—and GOD knew. vv. 24-25*

**GOD HEARS.** *Because God hears, I should keep \_\_\_\_\_.*

**GOD REMEMBERS.** *Because God remembers, I can trust Him to keep His \_\_\_\_\_.*

**GOD SEES.** *Because God sees, I can face the future in \_\_\_\_\_.*

**GOD KNOWS.** *Because God knows, I should never doubt that He \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Critical times call for \_\_\_\_\_ prayer to the God who \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4*



## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

# LIVING FAITHFULLY IN A FOREIGN Land

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 2:23-25. How did God feel about His people's sufferings?
2. Why do you think God allowed His people to suffer under the Egyptians?
3. Read Hebrews 11:23-27. This chapter mentions the heroes of the faith who came before us. How do you feel knowing that God raised up a leader who was also a murderer?
4. What does the fact that God used a person with a past like Moses' tell you about Him?
5. Read Genesis 15. What insight does this passage give you into what God "remembered"?
6. Long before the people of Israel cried out to God in their distress, God was already at work preparing Moses so he would be ready to deliver them when the timing was right. How does this fact relate to your own life?
7. Has there been a time in your life when it seemed like God was "hard of hearing"? What did He teach you during that time, and how did you carry that lesson forward in your life?
8. How did the sermon help you in your walk of faith? Where will you be applying that insight?
9. Take some time to thank the Lord for how He used the sermon to encourage you. Pray for our pastors who faithfully bring the Word of God to His people each week. Ask for God's deliverance from the enemy's opposition the church faces each year as we plan for Easter.

"While the nation suffered the Lord was preparing for their deliverance. They were completely unaware that, in an unknown place in an unimaginable way, the Lord was calling an unexpected man to be their deliverer. God's providence in the preparation of Moses may have served as an encouragement for Moses' readers. During the oppression in Egypt, the Jewish people could not have anticipated how God would work to prepare a leader for them, but He was working. In the same way, He would undertake for them in equally surprising ways to conquer the land when they would enter it."

KEVIN ZUBER

"God saved us for the same reason He saved Israel. He found nothing in us that called for His salvation. He makes it quite clear that we are not saved because of any merit we possess. Paul explains it in Romans 3:23-24, 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.' The word freely means 'without a cause.' We have been saved from our sins without a cause. It is the same word our Lord used when He said that He was hated without a cause (Jn 15:25). God did not look at me and say, 'My, you are white and Protestant, honest and hardworking, and I'm going to redeem you.' The fact of the matter is that God saw us in the blackness and darkness of sin and ignorance. He saw that we were hopelessly lost and not able to save ourselves. God's love provided a Savior. God so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son, John 3:16 tells us. However, it was not His love that saved us; it was His grace. We are saved without a cause by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

J. VERNON MCGEE

### A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**EASTER AT CHRIST CHAPEL** Jesus is alive, and we can't wait to celebrate with you during Easter weekend! Join us for worship services at all our locations on Saturday, April 19, and Sunday, April 20. It will be a beautiful celebration of hope, victory and new life! Visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/easter](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/easter) for service times, locations and all the details about our Holy Week events. RSVP today and let us know if you'll be attending—and if you're inviting a friend to join us!

**REACH FURTHER THIS EASTER** As you leave today, pick up an Inviter Card and pray over who you can invite to join us for this special celebration. Easter is about the hope and victory found in Jesus Christ, and by inviting someone, you're sharing the gospel! Extend an invitation, RSVP and continue praying with us that more lives will be changed by Jesus this Easter season.

**BE A PART OF AN AUTHENTIC PASSOVER EXPERIENCE**, and join us, along with David Teitelbaum, D.O., as he leads us through Seder, the ceremonial beginning to Passover. We hope to see you there! We'll gather in The Oak Room on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m., and if you would like to learn more, please visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/seder](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/seder).

**TENEBRAE** which means "the darkening," is a moving Good Friday service recounting Jesus' life and death through music and communion. Join us on Friday, April 18, at 6 or 7:30 p.m. as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Please note that due to the dramatic nature of the service, we recommend children ages ten and under not attend. Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/tenebrae](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/tenebrae).

**EASTER LILIES** This Easter, we invite you to honor someone who has deeply impacted your faith or to remember a loved one. Dedicate an Easter lily in their name, and it will be displayed on Easter morning as a beautiful tribute. To dedicate a lily, simply visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/lilies](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/lilies). Let's celebrate the season by honoring those who have made a lasting impact on our faith.

**THAT YOU WOULD KNOW HIM** God wants a personal, growing relationship with you! When we live fully dependent on the Lord and the Holy Spirit, we experience the abundant life Jesus offers. So, how do we grow in this? Join Dr. Doug Cecil for this one-time class on Sunday, March 30, in the Oak Room from 3 to 4:45 p.m.



**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE** The process is quick and easy—scan the QR Code to start.