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Week #4 – Exodus 24-40

# Story of the Bible

- The Bible is not a book of stories but of a Story
- The Bible is not a book about heroes and how we should follow them, but about one Hero, named Jesus.

"You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

John 5:39-40



CREATION



FALL



REDEMPTION



RESTORATION

# A Simple Memory Tool

## Exodus

### LAST WEEK

Egypt – 400 years

Moses

Pharaoh – Let my people go – No!

Plagues

Passover

### THIS WEEK

The Red Sea

Mount Sinai - Law

Tabernacle

Levites & Priests

Offerings & Feasts

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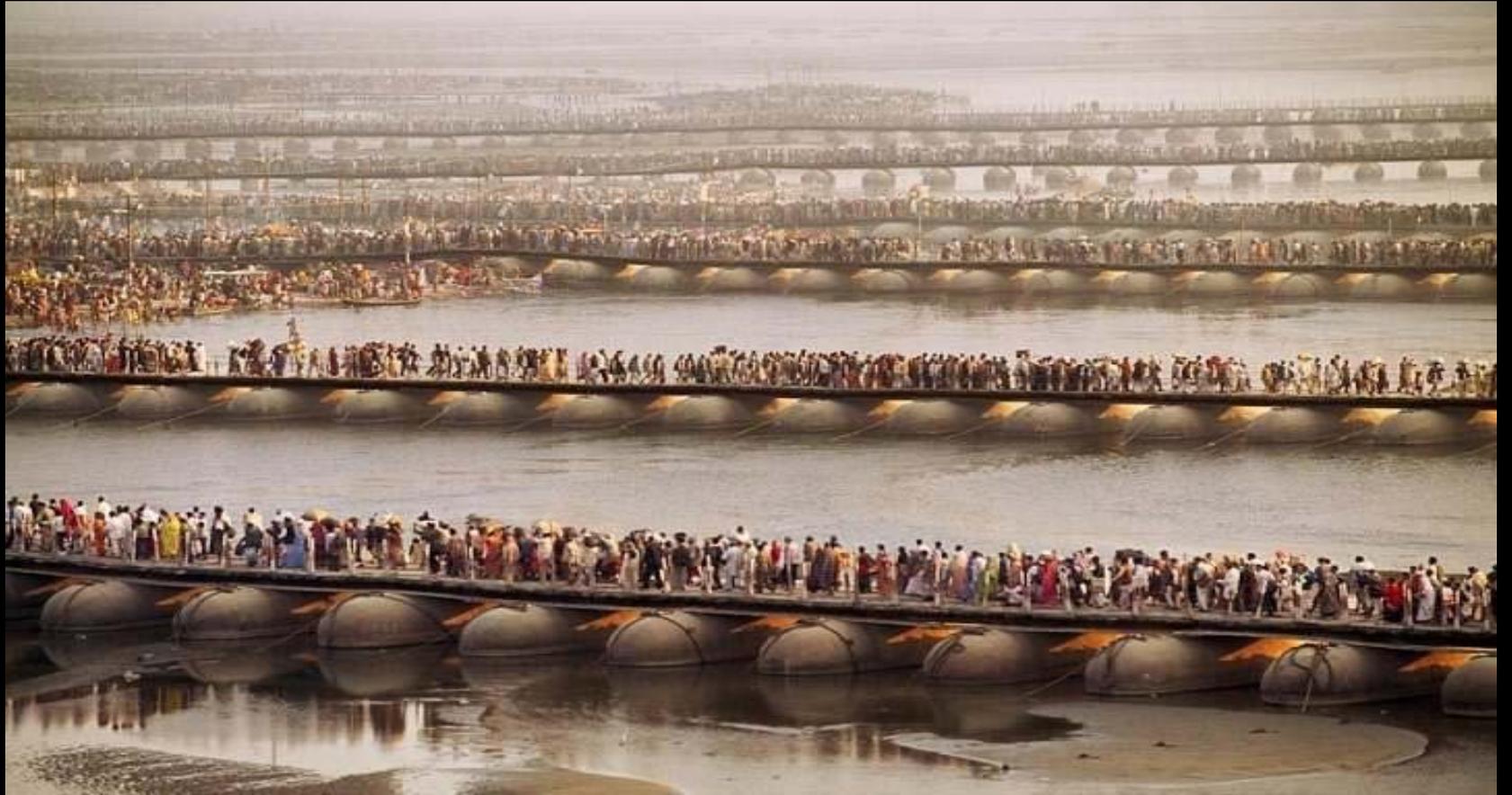
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# The Waiting Game



We hate to wait!



## Main Idea:

In the midst of waiting, we must avoid the temptation to run to that which we can control, but rather we must trust in the Lord.

# Israelites: An Example Of What Not To Do

## Truth-

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey." Exodus 24:7

## **Book of Covenant-** Exodus 19-23

Chp 19 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my *treasured possession*. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you[a] will be for me a *kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

**Covenantal Love-** Never stopping, never giving up, un-breaking always and forever love.

# Israelites: An Example Of What Not To Do.

## Test-

### Wait and Trust

**14** He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

**15** When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, **16** and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. **17** To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. **18** Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. Exodus 24:14-18

### Psalm 33:20-22

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. **21** In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name **22** May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

# Israelites: An Example Of What Not To Do

## Temptation-

**To give way to fear and create an idol. Run to that which we can control,.**

Exodus 32:1 “When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods[a] who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.””

## **Idolatry of the heart**

Anything we love, trust or fear more than God. It is the turning to someone or something else instead of God.

”My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.” Jeremiah 2:13

# Israelites: An Example Of Failure To Wait.

## Result-

### God's Relentless Anger Burns

9 "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." Exodus 32:9-10

### God is Merciful

### God Punishes

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-14 (NIV)

1For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3They all ate the same spiritual food 4and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

*6Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.* 7Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” 8We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. 10And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

11These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

*14Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.*

# Good News!

- God poured out His wrath on Jesus!
- Jesus took your punishment!
- Even though we run to idols, God is still faithful!
- God wants your heart!
- Will you trust him? Will you give him your heart?
- Remember His never stopping, never giving up, un-breaking, always and forever love for you!

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