

# EXODUS: Freedom to Belong

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God doesn't just free His people from slavery—He frees them to Himself, so they can belong, be restored, and live with purpose.

## 1) The Trap - Exodus 1:8–10

- A new Pharaoh rises who “did not know Joseph.” Fear turns into oppression.
- What was once protection (Egypt) becomes a prison.

## 2) Call To Rescue - Exodus 2:23–25

Rescue begins when God moves toward the oppressed because of His covenant love and faithfulness.

## 3) Rescued From Dehumanization - Exodus 12:12

- God executes judgment “on all the gods of Egypt.”
- God restores the dignity of slaves by revealing His supremacy—because to be loved by the true God gives true worth.

## 4) Rescued From Distrust - Exodus 16:4

- God provides manna “that I may test them... whether they will walk in my law or not.”
- After generations of oppression, distrust becomes normal—God is forming a people who can actually live free.

## 3) Rescued To God - Exodus 19:4–6

- “I... brought you to myself... you shall be my treasured possession... a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”
- Freedom isn't only release from chains. It is belonging: brought to God, named, treasured, purposed.

## 4) No Matter What You Do, God Rescues

Text: Exodus 34:6–7

- God is “abounding in steadfast love (*hesed*) and faithfulness...”
- Israel's story is not upheld by their performance, but by God's *hesed*—His loyal covenant love.

