

**SERMON SERIES:** Delivered: Deliverance  
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**Key Line** Deliverance is initiated by God and it is realized through obedience.

## Introduction

Has someone in the group been to a desert? What's the difference between a desert and an oasis?

## Seek the Word

Review - Where were God's people at the end of Genesis?

And then, according to Exodus 1:7-8, "But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them. Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph."

And so the new king enslaved God's people and killed the newborn males to keep them from increasing in number. Moses should have been one of those killed, but God had another plan for his life. Pharaoh's daughter saved him and....

Read Exodus 2:10-12 and 15-22

- What kind of life is Moses living in the beginning of his story?
- Where does he end up?
  - What do you think it would feel like to begin a prince and end up a peasant or a prisoner?

Read Exodus 2:23-25

- What are the people of Israel doing in these verses?
- What is God's response?
  - How have you felt God hear you and take notice of you?

Read Exodus 3:1-5, 10-14

- Then what does God do?
- How is Moses involved?
- Moses "looked" at the marvelous sight and he "turned aside to see it".
  - Why do you think that is an important part of his story?
  - How might we miss God working in our lives even after we have asked Him for help?
- When God lays out His plan for the next part of the story, what is Moses' response?
  - How often do you feel unable to do what God asks you to do?
  - How do you handle that?

## Talk About It

In the story of Moses we see God about to deliver His people.

How does this relate to us?

Their story is our story. God sent Moses to the Israelites; He sent Jesus to us.

- How do we receive the deliverance He offers?
- Have you been set free?

What can we learn from the story of Moses and the people of Israel?

1. Cry out - When the burden was too great, the Israelites cried out to God.
  - a. At what point in your struggles do you ask God for help?
  - b. When you finally cry out, what can you be sure will happen next?
2. Watch out - When Moses saw something new in his life, something he could not explain, he turned aside from his work and went to look.
  - a. How do you know God hears your prayers and calls for help?
  - b. In what ways does God show you He is listening?
  - c. Where is He working in your story?
  - d. How can you keep from missing what God is doing in your life?
3. Live out - Despite his fears and concerns, Moses told God he would obey.
  - a. What must you do when God shows you His plan?
  - b. What do you think happens if you don't submit to His plan?

In Exodus God called one man and used His obedience to save a whole people.

In the rest of the story God called another man and He used His obedience to deliver the rest of the people.

Have you been set free? What does God want you to do next?

*“So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36*