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Sermon Title

SAVIOR

Introduction

This week, we continued our series titled “He is...”, focusing on the book of Exodus. This is not a story about Moses, nor a story about Pharaoh. This is a story about God, and seeing who **He is** clearly in a world that has gotten Him wrong. What we see in Exodus time and time again, and what is echoed often in our own lives, is a nature of forgetting just who God is, and seeing the world through the lens of a forgotten, misunderstood God— instead of seeing the world through His lens. Throughout this series, we are going to be diving into understanding more about who **He is**, and what that means for our lives.

Seek the Word: Scripture Passages for the Week: Exodus 3:1-14; 4:1-14; 5:1-2; 7:1-11:10; 12:21-23; 14:11-14; 15:1-2

HE IS...SAVIOR

When you think of the word “savior”, what comes to mind? It doesn’t have to necessarily be about God, but what are the characteristics of a savior that stand out to you? What motivates someone to be a savior, and what does it feel like to be saved from something?

- **He Is Holy**
 - Moses offered 5 excuses to God as to why he should not go to Pharaoh and follow the command of God: Who am I? (insecurity), What if they don’t believe me? (fear of people), What if this isn’t enough? (shame), I’m not good at this (inadequacy), Please send someone else (fear/disobedience). How does God respond to these excuses? What does that say about the relationship between the holiness of God and the excuses we have about ourselves?
 - Which of Moses’ excuses are common for you to use? Why are we so quick to offer excuses when God calls us to do something?
 - How does focusing on the holiness of God combat the excuses we come up with for ourselves?
- **He Is Patient**
 - God lets Moses offer up 5 different excuses as to why he cannot serve before He gets angry with Moses. If you were in God’s shoes, how many excuses would it take before you got angry?
 - How has God been patient with you in your life? Why do you think God is so patient with us, especially when He is preparing us for Kingdom Work?
- **He Is Powerful**
 - The book of Exodus is full of displays of God’s power, especially in these chapters. A bush kept from burning, staffs being turned into snakes, hands made sick and then immediately healthy again, 10 plagues unleashed on Egypt, and a sea being parted so the Israelites could leave Egypt. How often do you consider the power of God in this world?

- Oftentimes we think we have to do a lot in order for God to move. But the Israelites contributed pretty much nothing to any of these powerful acts from God. What do we learn about God's character from these stories, and what do we learn about what our relationship with Him is because of these stories?
- **He Is SAVIOR**
 - Each part of this long story so far has been leading to one major moment: God's people being liberated from Egypt and saved from their circumstances to be free people under God. How have you seen this echo in your own life? What is the story of God being your savior, and what was the turning point for you— your own Red Sea moment?
 - What ought our lives to look like living under this truth, that God is our Savior. Who in your life needs to know this truth and see this truth lived out in your story?

Wrap Up

Reminder: He is...savior. Where we think brokenness, suffering, pain, shame, turmoil, and struggle drive God away, He steps in. God steps towards us, out of His great love for us, and saves us. There is no power greater than the love of God, there is nothing that can get in the way of God's salvation, we only need to trust Him. Trust Him enough to believe the words that He says, the promises He makes, and the power that He holds that liberates us from sin and death and brings us out of the desert into the promised lands.

Challenge: Cross the Sea

All of us have things in our lives that are holding us back. It could be doubts, fears, questions, sins, pressures from the outside world, or so many other different things. And we feel trapped on one side of that sea, held captive by these things and lost and worried. God is asking you to trust Him, to let Him save you. Take some time to identify what your "Red Sea" is right now— what do you need God to save you from— and share that with your group. Then, talk as a group about how you are going to entrust that to God this week. Then do it.

Prayer: Close your time together by thanking God for His holiness, His patience, His power, and His salvation. Praise God for the ways that He has shown His love and grace to you this week, and ask that God continue His saving work in you in the week ahead. Lift up your "red seas" to Him and ask for God to move powerfully in those areas this week so that you may experience even more of His saving grace.