

# **Welcome to Kev's on-line eGroup**

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## Exodus 4:1-5, 17, 19-20 - Signs for Moses

4 Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?"  
2 Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. 3 The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. 4 Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. 5 "This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you." 6 Then the Lord said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous[a]—it had become as white as snow. 7 "Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh. 8 Then the Lord said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. 9 But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground." 10 Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." 11 The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." 13 But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

14 Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. 15 You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. 16 He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. 17 But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

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### Moses Returns to Egypt

18 Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me return to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well." 19 Now the Lord had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead." 20 So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

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Exodus 14:13-16

14 Then the Lord said to Moses, 2 “Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. 3 Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ 4 And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.” So the Israelites did this.

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” 6 So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. 7 He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. 8 The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. 9 The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen[a] and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

Exodus 14:13-16

**13** Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. **14** The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

**15** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. **16** Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. **17** I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. **18** The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

**19** Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, **20** coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

**21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, **22** and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

**23** The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. **24** During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. **25** He jammed[b] the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

# **Part 1: Detailed sermon notes**

# Kev's guys on-line eGroup study notes

Elevation Church Sermon Notes: "It Still Works" - Pastor Steven Furtick - April 20, 2026

Sermon Summary: Pastor Steven showed us through the life of Moses how faith often looks like taking action even while you feel full of doubt. God can do miracles when we have the courage to look our doubt in the face and do it anyway.

## Sermon Highlights

- **God says: I don't need your ability — I need your availability.**
- **Three ways to have great faith:**
  - **Sometimes you have to do it doubting. Great faith is not eliminating doubt; it's looking it in the face and telling it, "I'm doing it anyway." Do it doubting**
  - **Sometimes you have to do it delayed. God's sovereign plan does not always make practical sense. God will work things out in a way that seems weird to us. God's lack of activity does not mean God is absent.**
  - **Sometimes you have to do it different.**
- The method changed, but the message has not. Don't let what doesn't work in your life keep you from using what does.
- What God gave you back then will get you through this, too.

## Scriptures

Exodus 4:1-5, 17, 19-20

Exodus 14:13-16

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## Sermon Discussion

- "God says: I don't need your ability — I need your availability." What do you feel most unqualified for, but you know God's calling you to it?
- "Great faith is not eliminating doubt; it's looking it in the face and telling it, 'I'm doing it anyway.'" Share about a time when you took a step of faith even though you were full of doubt.
- "God's lack of activity does not mean God is absent." Where are you experiencing a perceived delay in your life, and how do you think God might be using it?
- "It still works." Pastor Steven reminded us that forgiveness, giving, faith, grace, and gratitude still work. Which one are you taking with you this week?
- Bonus activity: Pastor Steven asked us to write this down and put it somewhere as a reminder: "My prayers aren't pointless, even if I have no proof they have been heard." Have your group write this down and add: "Do it anyway."

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Exodus 4, Moses' Doubt, and Faith That Still Works

Apr 22, 2026

Overview: A sermon from Exodus 4 emphasizing that God's word, faith, worship, prayer, and obedience "still work," even amid fear, delay, and uncertainty. Using Moses' call, personal anecdotes, a technology metaphor (boombox/cassette), a life-saving listener testimony, and the Red Sea account, the speaker urges action despite doubt and past failure.

Primary text: Exodus 4 (esp. vv. 1, 2–4, 17, 19); reinforced by Exodus 14 (Red Sea).

Moses' objection: "What if they do not believe me or listen to me...?" (Exodus 4:1).

- Staff becomes a snake; God commands Moses to grab it by the tail; it turns back into a staff (vv. 2–4).
- Commission: "Take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it" (v. 17); "Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead" (v. 19). Moses returns with his family, carrying "the staff of God."
- Core declaration: "It still works." The unchanging effectiveness of God's word, faith, worship, prayer, and obedience, even when the method changes.
- Moses' Identity, Failure, and Call
- Moses' background: Hebrew by birth, raised as Egyptian; a conflicted identity positions him uniquely for God's task.
- Past failure: Killed an Egyptian, fled to Midian, married, tended Jethro's sheep for decades.
- God's call collides with self-perception: Moses doubts his eloquence and credibility; God promises presence, signs, and Aaron's help.

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Emphasis: God prioritizes availability over ability.

- God's anger at Moses' doubt does not cancel the assignment; Moses is sent in power with his staff.
- Point 1 — Do It Doubting
- **Obedience amid fear is still faith: Sometimes great faith is taking the right action with a bad attitude.**
- Natural to run from unfamiliar forms (like the snake); faith means facing the task and moving forward anyway.
- Exhortations: Do it afraid; worship without feelings; take the next breath; lift hands despite pain; let doubt ride in the passenger seat but not drive.
- Prayer and Worship Still Work
- Israel's enslavement (about 430 years) and Moses' exile (40 years) did not silence God—"I heard."
- Principle: God's apparent lack of activity ≠ God's absence; prayers are not pointless even without visible proof.
- Illustrations:
  - Weight room: right stress and time under tension builds strength whether you "feel" like it or not.
  - Seed and seasons: A word can be planted now and grow later; winter yields to spring.
  - Paul and Silas: Worship at midnight works even in the inner cell.
- Point 2 — Do It Delayed
- Sometimes God's instruction only makes sense later (e.g., grabbing a snake by the tail).
- God's sovereign plan often defies practical logic; He uses "weird" means to work His purposes.
- Delay does not disqualify: Moses ran for 40 years, yet God still used him; past mistake ≠ permanent verdict.
- Once aligned, deliverance accelerated (10 plagues). It may not take as long or require as much as feared; praise in advance.
- Methods Change, Message Remains — "It Still Works"
- Nostalgia/technology metaphor: A vintage Sanyo boombox's CD deck failed, but the cassette deck still worked. Conclusion: Use what still works; don't discard what's useful just because one part broke.
- Old cassette: "Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, 8931 Highway 11, Campobello, South Carolina, 29322; Stephen, October 29, 2000." Listening back revealed the same anointing and one enduring Book preached across formats (tapes, CDs, podcasts, YouTube, Roku, Apple TV) for 30 years.
- **Thesis: The method changes; the message doesn't. Don't let what doesn't work stop you from using what does.**
- **"Weird but Works" Practices**
  - **Forgiveness: Even if it doesn't fix them, it frees you.**
  - **Giving: You give to God through a church; it frees you from being mastered by money and accesses faith.**
  - **Holiness convictions (e.g., sexual restraint): May look weird, but it protects what God values in you.**
  - **Worship and gratitude: "Hallelujah" and "Thank you, Jesus" still work.**

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## Testimony — A Word That Worked on Delay

- "Handle It" (Exodus 4) preached years earlier reached a man in Greenville, South Carolina during a horrible divorce. With a 9mm on his coffee table, he "weirdly" plugged in an Apple TV his mother brought; a purple "podcast" icon led him to the sermon.
- He began walking and responding to God; that day, the delayed word worked. He later became a worship leader in a local church.
- From Private Sign to Public Deliverance
- Moses' staff worked in Pharaoh's court (signs, including plagues) and at the Red Sea (Exodus 14): the same staff thrown on the ground in private worked over the water in public.
- At the Red Sea, with 400 chosen chariots behind and the sea ahead, God told Moses to raise the staff and stretch out his hand; the waters divided and Israel crossed on dry ground.
- Application: The same faith, word, praise, and gift God gave you "at the bush" will carry you through new crises—on the ground and in the water; when liked or hated; young or old. "I've never seen the righteous forsaken."

## Next Steps / Actions

- **Act despite doubt: Take the right action even with a bad attitude; let doubt ride but not drive.**
- **Worship anyway: Praise and pray without waiting to feel it; lift your hands and your voice now.**
- **Use what you have: Lean on the "staff" in your hand—God's word, your praise, your gifts, your testimony.**
- **Persevere in prayer: Keep praying for your children, your health, and unresolved situations; your prayers are not pointless.**
- **Refuse condemnation: Reject "it's too late"; ask God to redeem time and align you to His pace.**
- **Praise in advance: Trust that what worked before will work again in this new season.**

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- The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of the Lord stands forever. Y'all need to learn the Bible better so you can quote it when I quote it. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of the Lord stands forever. Amen.
- The word of the Lord in Exodus chapter four may be a familiar scripture, but there is one thing I want to highlight for your life today.
- By the way, if you're watching online, just put in the comments, I'm here. Let us know that you're joining too. And if you're here in person, just go ahead and shout it at me too. Say I'm here. I'm here. I'm awake. I'm awake. I had my coffee. I had my coffee. And I wanna break through. And I wanna break through. All right.
- When we see this meeting in Exodus chapter four, We are walking in to the middle of a mess. That's where God likes to work the most. Exodus chapter 4 verse 1. Moses answered, what if they do not believe me or listen to me and say the Lord did not appear to you? Then the Lord said to him, what is that in your hand? A staff, he replied. The Lord said, throw it on the ground. I feel like he probably hollered at him because pretty, pretty, pretty weird thing he's asking him to do here. So the Lord said it with confidence. Throw it on the ground. Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake. Oh, this is getting worse, not better. When your staff becomes a snake, it looks like you're going backwards when you need God to comfort you. A staff, he replied. And the Lord said, throw it on the ground. And Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake. And he ran from it. Well, that makes sense. I would do that too. But then the Lord said. reach out your hand and take it by the tail. So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. This, said the Lord, is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. This is so that they may believe that that God has appeared to you. Now drop down, please, to verse number 17, because God gives him two more signs to show him that he's with him, that he's to perform in the palace before Pharaoh and in the desert before the Israelites. Moses argues with God. He even tries to say, I'm not a very good speaker. How can I tell Pharaoh to let your people go when I'm not even eloquent? Well, the Lord said, I'm not asking you to take a speech class.
- I'm asking you to take a faith step because I don't need your ability. I need your availability. Who is that for today? Right, right, right, right. But let me show you one more thing. When God tells Moses, well, I'm going to give you your brother Aaron. He's going to help you since you can't do it alone.
- I've already got your partner lined up. But watch this in verse 17. He says, but take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it. So you can perform the signs with it. And then go to verse 19. Now the Lord had said to Moses and Midian, go back to Egypt for all those who wanted to kill you are dead.

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- So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand. I love that. Today, the Lord told me to give you a word. And the word is this. It still works. It still works. Hallelujah. God woke me up this morning at four in the morning and said, just get ready to tell somebody it still works. So I got good news for you today. In spite of what it is that has been reverberating in your ear, causing you to fear, the Lord said it still works.
- Touch all seven people you can reach and say it still works. It still works. It still works. And you may be seated. On your way to your seat, shout, it still works. It still works. Let's talk about this for a moment. What a job. What a job. Right? We understand Moses's hesitation because we understand that he's over his head. You mean you want me to go to the most powerful man in the world and tell him to let your people go who have been in Egypt for 430 years? Wow. We understand his hesitation.
- We have grace for Moses' need for clarification when he says, what if they don't believe in me? I mean, of course you would wonder that if they had rejected you 40 years earlier. Do you remember how the story of Moses begins? He's put in a basket and he is discovered by Pharaoh's daughter, but he is raised as an Egyptian. So he is Egyptian by background, but he's Hebrew by birth. And this presents a conflict because to be an Egyptian is one thing, to be a Hebrew is another, but Moses is both.
- And because Moses is both, he is uniquely positioned to do this job. But Moses, like many of us, has been spending years of his life paying the price of regret for a mistake that he made earlier with the passion that he did not know how to manage. Because God had put it in his heart for a long time to help his people. But one day when he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave, he killed the Egyptian, hit him in the sand.
- The next day, two Hebrews were fighting and he said, why are y'all fighting? Y'all are supposed to be on the same side. I wish we could preach some of that in politics today. Like, I wish we could preach some of that in the church today. We're supposed to be on the same side, really? Y'all are fighting and one of them turned to him with an attitude and said, you gonna kill me like you did the Egyptian? And Moses ran to Midian because he said, what I did must have become known. And he ran and he ran and he ran and he ran until a well appeared. And Moses's name means drawn out of water.
- And isn't it interesting that he met his wife drawn a well. He finds out that her father's name is Jethro and he settles in tending sheep for Jethro. But now God has a job for Moses that is bigger than Jethro. And God says, I need you to go. And Moses said, I don't, I don't know if they'll believe this. First of all, who am I to go to Pharaoh? And secondly, who are you? Why do I tell them about all of this? So as we settle into the text, we understand that it's a mess. Because Moses is a murderer who's being turned into a messenger.
- And that's always messy when God gives you an assignment that contradicts your current understanding of your identity. Because whenever God gives you something to do, you will try to overlay who you think you are onto what he's called you to do. But Moses is about to find out that God works in crazy ways. Now, as much as I respect Moses' decision to do what God called him to do, we need to be direct about the fact that he doubted God. He doubted God so much that God became angry with him, but God's anger did not cancel the assignment. God simply sent him forward in power as he leaned on his staff.

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- I'm gonna talk about the staff in a moment, but I wanna make this personal first of all. A few years ago, I had something that God had called me to do and I became very intimidated about it and I had a bad attitude about it, but I did it anyway. After I did it, I was driving home and God had so handled all the things that I was worried about that I didn't even have to deal with them when I got there. So I felt grateful, but I also felt guilty because I had made it to be this huge thing in my mind. I mean, how many of you have done this before? I made it to be this huge thing in my mind. Like, oh, I got to call my coach and tell him I'm not coming back next year. My coach is going to kill me. Your coach isn't going to kill you.
- Your coach is just going to say thank you. But you make it out to be this huge thing in your mind. You make it out to be something so much bigger than it is. And then a lot of times God just deals with Jezebel and you never even have to. almost made me feel so guilty about my attitude that I couldn't even enjoy the achievement of doing the thing God had called me to do. It's like when you take your kids on a vacation, but now you're going to have to send them to therapy to deal with the way that you acted on vacation.
- Come on, talk to me. Talk to me or I'll prophesy. It's the feeling of like, God, I'm so sorry. So I was coming home in my car and it just went so beautifully. But I had been so burdened about it. And I just felt bad about it. And I couldn't even enjoy how good it went because I felt so guilty. I was like, I had such a bad attitude. And the Lord showed me something.
- **Sometimes great faith is taking the right action with a bad attitude. I'm going to say it again for the note takers. Sometimes great faith is taking the right action with a bad attitude. And as I was praying to the Lord, I was like, I'm so sorry I had such a bad attitude. You took care of it. You handled it. I didn't even have to worry about it. God, I was so worried. I was so stressed. I complained so much. And then you just did it. And I'm so sorry, God, that I doubted you.**
- And it was like the Lord spoke to me. He said, you're embarrassed because you doubted. I'm proud because you did it. I don't know who it's for, but the heart of the Father wanted to say that to you today. That you have been beating yourself up so much about your doubts. That you are not even celebrating how much you have done and how far you have come. And how many ways you have changed.
- Because all you keep focusing on is, God, I'm so sorry that I had such a bad attitude. God, I'm so sorry that I blew up at the kids like that. Well, at least you didn't kill them. I mean, at least they're still here.
- The Bible says if you train up a child in the way that they should go, when they're old, they won't depart from it. That means all you got to do is not kill them. And God will fix it in the meantime. Just let them live. Somebody shout, let them live. Some days that's all you can do is just to say, hey, I didn't do that perfectly, but I did it.

The first point of my message is sometimes you've got to do it doubting. Sometimes you've got to do it doubting. Notice in the text that Moses' first response to the assignment is not gratitude. Moses' first response to the assignment is not to receive it, but to run. And just in case you're dealing with something in your life right now, and you're looking at it like a snake on the ground that God has told you to grab by the tail, That's okay.

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- **It is natural to run from something that you have never seen in this form before. And I am concerned that you are beating yourself so much up about your fear that you have not properly contextualized the magnitude of the faith that it took for you to be where you are.**
- I was told one time, I don't like when I go to church when the preacher just tells me I'm doing good and makes me feel good. I just need the preacher to step on my toes, you know, man, just slap me in the face. I'm like, dude, that's not my gig.
- I don't know what you need to call somebody else for all that you just mentioned. And maybe it's because everything I ever did for God, I did it doubting. Every sermon I ever preached to you, my hands were shaking while I held my pen. And I'll show you my handwriting and you'll believe me then. You'll say, Pastor Stephen would have been a serial killer in another life. Look at that handwriting. You'd be psychoanalyzing me. No, it's because I had to do it doubting.
- You know, Graham, I think Exodus 4.1 is my whole preaching life verse. Because this is the verse that I felt the most preaching up here. What if they don't believe me or listen to me? I wish my biggest preaching verse was Isaiah 6.8. Here am I, send me. But really, my preaching verse, how I feel is, what if they don't believe me or listen to me?
- Now, I want to start this sermon this way, because I'm going to encourage you in a moment. About the things in your life that look impossible to you right now, let me be less vague than that.
- The current thing in your life that you are doubting about. I don't even necessarily mean you're doubting God. You might just be doubting you. I don't even mean that you doubt that God is good. I just mean that you feel like you are not good enough. And everything that I have ever done for God, I have never felt good enough to do.
- So do with that what you will. Judge me if you want to. Make fun of me if you want. Tell me that I should have more confidence in Christ if you must.
- But everything I ever did for God, I did it doubting. Every song I ever wrote from the Lord, I did feeling like a bad singer. Every chord I ever strummed to write a hymn for our church to sing, I did it wishing that I knew more music theory. You don't understand what I'm saying.
- Everything I ever did for God, every time I ever played back one of my preaching clips and listened to it, I had to cringe to find the clip because I didn't even like the way I sounded.
- **Everything I ever did for God, I did it doubting. But I did it. But I did it. And sometimes great faith is not eliminating doubt. It is looking at doubt right in the face and telling doubt, you can sit in the passenger seat, but you can't drive because we're doing this. High five somebody, say I'm doing this.**
- There's a whole word in this right now. Do it doubting, but do it. Do it afraid, but do it. Live another day thinking you don't deserve to be on the earth, but live another day.
- **Take another breath feeling anxious, but take another breath. Give God a praise, not feeling a goose bump, but lift your hands. Lift your hands with your shoulder hurting, but lift your hands. Lift your hands with a bad back, but lift your hands. Do it. And I'll tell you something. Worship will work whether you feel it or not. Tell somebody it'll work. It'll work. Worship still works.**

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- **Worship still works when it's the middle of the night and there's nobody around to listen to you cry. And you cry out to God saying, when my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I. It'll work. And I know it will work.**
- Because the people of God in Exodus chapter 4 had been enslaved for four centuries. And Moses has been in exile for four decades. But this text pops up into the transitional moment to remind us that it still works. Because God said to Moses, watch this. The cries of my people have reached heaven. What's he saying? I heard. I heard. And even as the burdens of the people grew heavier, God says, I heard. See, you think when it doesn't happen, God didn't hear.
- So for all of those years that Moses tended sheep and thought, it's over, I blew it. For all those years that you thought, if I could just go back and do it different, I would. For all those years that you have thought it was over, for all those years that they prayed, the people prayed, God send us a deliverer. God send us a sign. God set us free. God came down to Moses to say, it worked.
- **So I want to remind you today that your prayers aren't pointless. Even if you don't have proof that they're heard. Please write that down and put it somewhere you can see it. When the enemy tries to tell you it's not working this week. My prayers are not pointless. Even if I have no proof they have been heard. God might be multitasking some things in your life right now. God might be setting some things up for a generation from now that you don't know about. God might need you to help somebody in the future.**
- So you got to go through hell right now so you can help them later. God heard you. Oh, I feel anointed today. And I'm not even saying I'm anointed for everybody in the room. Maybe just for three people. Maybe for 300. Maybe for somebody in the back. Maybe for somebody in overflow. But the Lord said, it's not pointless. My prayers are not pointless. Because my God has a plan. Keep praying for your babies. Keep praying about what's going on that the doctors can't figure out.
- Keep praying about it. It's not pointless. This is what Exodus 4 teaches me, is that God's lack of activity does not mean God's absence. And just because he is not active in the way that I have prescribed for him to be does not mean his purpose isn't working. It still works. Say it again. It still works. This sermon has three points, but it's really only one point. It still works. And even if you do a doubting, it works.
- I mean, isn't it just amazing that if you go in the weight room and lift weights and you lift them hard enough, you'll get stronger whether you wanted to go in the weight room or not. Because it still works if you didn't want to. Isn't that the case? Is that true? If I put my body under the right amount of stress with the right form for the right amount of time under tension, my body will respond to that whether or not I had the feeling and the motivation that I wanted to do it. Bodily exercise profited little, but godliness has great value. And it means that it still works. Come to church, listen, go, I didn't get anything out of that. Well, first of all, that's your fault because I studied.
- But secondly, you don't even know that yet. What if it worked? What if it went in like a seed and it's going to come up like an oak at a later season in your life? It still works. It still works. Now, you may go through winter, but every winter yields to spring. It still works. I can't hardly get off of point number one, and I don't know why.

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- There must be somebody in here who needed to be reminded that you can do it doubting. that you can pray with chains still on your feet. You can praise with shackles still on your hands. Ask Paul and Silas. I said, ask Paul and Silas. They were fastened in the inner cell. That's the hardest place to get out of.
- But ask Paul and Silas if you sing at midnight, even when you don't see anything happening, even when you have no proof that the chains are starting to weaken, If you will worship in this situation, and I'm saying in this moment right now, I double dog dare you to throw up your hands and open your mouth and say, do it, God. I praise you, God, because you're good, God, and you're worthy, God, and you're mighty, God, and you're holy, God, and it works if you work it. So sometimes you have to do it doubting.
- And number two, sometimes you have to do it delayed. Delayed. Do you know what I mean by delayed? God asks you to do something on this Tuesday that is only gonna make sense in two years. Or maybe I could say it like this. God tells you to pick up a snake by the tail. That is the exact wrong way. Not that I've ever picked up snakes. Although there is probably some account that says we do it every Sunday in our church along with our baptism water slide that we have that I've never seen before except Photoshop. I never did it. But I know if I did it, I wouldn't do it like that. I wouldn't do it like that.
- **But see, this is the pattern. Let me preach. This is what God is trying to show Moses is that like, I grab you the way I want to. I grab you in a way that doesn't make sense. I use things that don't make sense to get your attention. Please write this down. God's sovereign plan does not always make practical sense. God's sovereign plan, the plan that he has marked out before time began. Remember, God was working this deliverance narrative in his people's life to foreshadow the work that Jesus Christ would do on the cross.**
- So that when Jesus would show up, he would lead not only through deliverance. The cross that he died on, but through the life that he lived, he would lead us to freedom as our true Moses. Knowing that we understand that God is working things out in a way that seemed weird to us.
- And I'm at the point in my life where I'm willing to be weird. If it works, you know what I'm saying? Now, in order to grab this snake by the tail, could you just imagine this? Moses is like, all right, you want me to do what? Okay, no. And he runs and he resists for a little while. But remember, great faith sometimes is doing it delayed. Okay, so he wastes some time, not only running from the snake, but he's been 40 years running from his assignment. 40 years.
- **And God shows up to say, I'm going to do it through you anyway. I break the spirit of accusation over your life that has told you it's too late. I break the spirit of accusation over your life that says you can't get it back. I break the spirit of condemnation over your life that says that you cannot become what God has called you to be. I break the spirit of condemnation that tries to stamp you with your worst mistake because the life of Moses tells me that my past mistake is not my permanent verdict.**
- That's what it shows me. And when I say past mistake, I mean it could be five years ago, it could be five minutes ago, but that will not define me because God has a plan for me. God has a plan for the things I did right. God has a plan for the things I did wrong. God has a plan for my doubts, just as much as God has a plan for my bold declarations of faith. And Moses picks up the snake by the tail, but not at first. And Moses is used as a messenger, but before he's a messenger, he's a murderer.

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- And I just want to remind you that God makes all things beautiful in his time. And sometimes you've got to do it on a delay and just pray stuff like, God, I pray that you would make up for the time that I wasted. God, I pray that you would put me on an accelerated course. God, I pray that you'll put me in summer school so I can graduate with all my friends. God, I pray that you would just give me the grace, God. And God says, okay. Because once Moses got on the same page with God, it only took 10 plagues for God to do what he was going to do.
- It's not going to take as long as you think it's going to take. It's not going to take everything you think it's going to take. Because sometimes God does it on a delay. And that means you've got to praise him in advance in case he does it on delay. Because you don't know. You don't know.
- The Lord anointed me to preach today. that sometimes you gotta do it on a delay. Do it on a delay. I mean, we all get stuck in the past sometimes. I've been stuck in the past a lot lately. Just in a fun way, actually. I've been going around buying records. Records, albums, LPs, vinyl. I probably bought about 300 in the last year. It's getting ridiculous.
- Now I'm gonna tell you why it's getting ridiculous. Cause I already had all that stuff on my phone. And now I'm spending money on what I already subscribed to Spotify to hear. But there's something comforting about it. So, you know, I've been buying records. Now I don't want you to think I'm older than I am. When I grew up, records were on the way out. We had cassette tapes and then get ready to shout. Every boomer in the house just shout right now.
- Gen X just shout right now. Everybody makes a noise. Put your hands up. If you know him and a fan, put your hands up. Now you may say to me, like the Lord said to Moses, what is that in your hand?
- Come here, Graham. Come here. Come here. Come here. Come here. All right. And not only that, but this is a Sanyo boom box with a cassette deck. And everybody say, and because Moses was a Hebrew and an Egyptian. This is a cassette and CD player. This is the first CD player that I ever owned. But this is not the original because I got rid of mine because I thought it was obsolete. Sometimes you need to hang around with your old stuff. And sometimes you need to be careful not selling something that you might want to buy back later. Because I went on eBay and I found this exact model of the boombox. And I plugged it in and the lights came on. And I got excited and I put the CD in because I've been buying those too. I only bought about a hundred of those in the last year, but I've been buying those too.
- I don't know if midlife is just stressing me out to the point that I just need every escape valve. Hey, there are worse midlife crisis than CDs and records. So if I keep it to vinyl, I'm doing very good. I'm doing, tell somebody he's doing very good. I'm doing really good. And I turned it on. And I put the CD in and it didn't work. It didn't work. But I mean, what else would you expect? It's been around since 1994. Who knows what kind of devil music has been played in this machine?
- The Lord shut it down. It didn't work. And just as I was about to put it up, because it was no refunds, the seller told me that up front. 40 bucks is gone.

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- I'll tell you about Y2K later, we almost lost everything. You think the Red Sea was a miracle? Wait until I tell you about Y2K, boy.
- When I tell you what the Lord did for us in Y2K. And I put it in. And at first I started to cringe because listen, listen to me preaching in the year 2000 in Campobello, South Carolina. You've heard me preach in California, but you never heard my anointing work in Campobello. But I want you to understand that the same anointing that works in California was working in Campobello. Listen to this. Can y'all hear that? It's good enough. That's my mentality nowadays. It's good enough.
- Hey, it might not be the way I like it. It might not be my personal preference. The preacher might not be making a bit of sense to me, but it's good enough. And I'm going to take the most and I'm going to learn what I can from it. Because praise is a privilege. It's a privilege to be in church. It is a privilege to be in this church with you guys. Yeah. Not a single amen. But I was preaching. About 15 people in the church, but I was preaching. I didn't know anything I was talking about, but I was preaching.
- We were all stocking up on bottled water and ramen noodles for the apocalypse to come, but I was preaching. And I wonder, did the Lord want to give us a message today from this cassette tape? from a boombox that didn't work, but it did work with a word that I have been preaching because I realized, listen to myself preaching with a country accent in Campobello, South Carolina in 2026, that I have been preaching the same book for 30 years. And I preached it with Twain. And I preached it in small spaces. And I preached it on tapes. And I preached it on CDs. And I preached it on podcasts. And I preached it on YouTube. And I preached it on Roku. And I preached it on Apple TV.
- **And I've been preaching one book and believing one book for 30 years. And I came to announce it still works. I said it still works. I said it still works. Faith still works. Faith still works. Grace still works. Gratitude still works. Hallelujah still works. Thank you, Jesus, still works. It still works. If you know what I'm talking about, wave your hand and say it works for me. It's been working for me a long time. And it still works. It still works. I got some doubts I didn't have then, but it still works. I got some unanswered questions, but it still works. My faith is not having the answer. My faith is putting my hand in the hand of a man who does. It still works.**
- Y'all don't get it. I'm trying to say that the method has changed, but the message is the same. It still works. And I'm trying to say, don't let what doesn't work in your life keep you from using what does. And I'm trying to say, That what God gave you then is good enough to get you through. Where's my bed? What's it going through now? So tell somebody. It'll work. It'll work. It'll work. It'll work. Won't it work? I said, won't it work? Not if you don't work it. If you're like, this is weird.
- Thank you. Sit down. Take the boom box with you. Take that staff with you. So when you get to Egypt, you can throw it on the ground. And watch what it'll become. Throw it on the ground. See, now, give me the cassette tape back. I want to show this all the way. I heard a testimony the other day. And we always say, we always say. God. God, that's Jesus. I never said I was a good dad. I never said I taught my kids important things. You can't open the cassette tape. How are you going to run a revival? How are you going to be anointed by God? And you can't play a game. Love that boy.
- I bleached my hair too. My hair ain't black anymore. But my anointing still works. I'm going to tell you this. And I'll start thinking about finishing my sermon. Tell somebody it still works. I was amazed that the boombox still worked. I was amazed that there was part of it that did work and part of it that didn't work. And choosing to say I'm going to use what I was amazed when I put the tape in.

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- And I was like, yo, listen to that kid, 20 years old, hollering at those people. Tell them it's a privilege to be here in church. Privilege to praise God. Amen. I need to bring some of that back. I need to bring some of that country preaching back in this church. It still works. Well, I got testimony that confirmed this message because I'm always trying to make sure that I have the word that the Lord wants me to deliver. Now, back in the day, you had to wait six weeks before you could get a sermon. They had to mail it to you on tape. Now people can just watch online.
- And sometimes it still takes a delay before I know how God uses a word. There was a word that I preached from Exodus chapter 4 10 years ago called "Handle It." Real tight skinny jeans, running around the stage, preaching on pick up the snake by the tail. Because th at's weird. And I was trying to say, it's only weird until it works. Like trusting God, holding out. You're a virgin, that's weird. No, it works. Because I'm protecting myself. Because I know the value that God has put on my life. So it works. Look, some of the things that work in God's kingdom look completely weird to the world. But forgiveness still works. Even if it doesn't fix them, it will free you. You see what I mean? That's weird, but it works. It's weird to grab a snake by the tail, but it works. It's weird. I was thinking about another one. It's weird for us to give to God so that our church can do outreaches, so that our church can reach the world, so that our church can preach the gospel. That is weird. But you find out that God doesn't need what you have. You need what he has when you give. And it allows you to access your faith. So people are like, you give your money to that church. No, I give it to God through a church. You understand I'm giving this to God and that works for me because it keeps me free from being mastered by money So that's weird, but it works.
- I Honestly always thought it was weird to put our sermons online When we first started doing that I thought that was weird and I thought it wouldn't work. I Even made that argument. I Told a brother one time I don't have that gift to look into a camera and preach You know man, I came from Campobello. I Only reason I remembered, I listened to the tape. The only reason I preached at Campobello because the mai ntenance man at the college I was attending at the time had fixed my shower for me. And he said, now that I fixed your shower, you got to com e preach in my church. I said, deal. So when you come from Campobello preaching, you know, like that, it's hard to get our mind around the fact that so many people are logged on right now. And I want you to put where you're watching from on YouTube right now. And I want to do this illustration. Because see... The methods have changed, but the methods have... I messed that up, didn't I? The methods have changed. The message has not. Amen.
- And if you go on right now, people are watching from, I mean, all over the world. But sometimes I get a testimony from Alabama, from Michigan, from Denver, from San Diego. I'm talking about you and the challenge of your life right now that you feel insufficient for and I'm trying to tell you I've always doubted what I could do and there have been times in my life I preached and felt nothing worked do you understand me? I went back and I prayed God what even was that?

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- Well 10 years ago I was preaching the same passage and a couple of years after that There was a man in Greenville, South Carolina who relayed his story to me. But he was in the middle of a horrible divorce. And that he had a 9mm on his coffee table. And he was in his apartment alone. And he didn't know what to do. And he said, I had this weird feeling. Something told me to plug up the Apple TV that my mom had brought over to my house a few days earlier. And so I did. And it felt weird. And then he said, after I plugged it in, trying to figure out, do I even want to be here? Something came up as I logged in on the screen and it was a purple icon that said podcast and I had never listened to a podcast. And something said click it. And I clicked it. And he said it was a sermon of a preacher I'd never heard of before. Saying, handle it. Handle it. And halfway through your sermon, you said you're sitting on the couch. gonna start working in my life. And it felt weird to plug up an Apple TV with a gun on the coffee table, but I plugged it up and it felt weird to reach down and grab a snake by the tail. And it feels weird for me to keep showing up even though nobody appreciates me.
- And it feels weird for me to even be in church today because honestly, I'm still really focus on what you're saying right now. And it feels weird for me to believe that God could use me. He said, but I started walking around. And all I can tell you is that that day, that when I plugged in that TV and God hit me with that podcast, and it was a word that was preached 10 years ago from the exact scripture that I am preaching to you today, all I can tell you is it still works.
- With a gun on his coffee table. I got you. I got something for you. And the best part of his testimony is that he told me today he is a worship leader in a local church. Because it still works. It works. Somebody say, it works.
- It's always worked. Praise God like you know that the king of glory is working in ways you can't see. You shall live and not die! Still worse! It still works in my darkest hour. It worked in my lowest moment. It worked in my most hopeless situation. It worked.
- And Moses took that staff. I'm almost done. And he picked it up and it became a staff. And when he got in front of Pharaoh, he and Aaron said, Watch this, boom. And it still worked. It not only worked in private, it worked in public. It still worked. And when Pharaoh said, I'm not letting your people go, Moses said, all right. And he stuck up the staff and hail started falling out of the sky. Because no matter how much resistance you face, it still works. And when he still wouldn't let the people go, Moses pointed it and frogs covered the land. And when he still wouldn't let the people go, he pointed it and the Nile became blood. But there came a moment for Moses. that is like the moment that most of us are in to day. And it goes like this. You know it. The people of God have come out of Egypt. They are moving into their freedom as sons and daughters, but they are not yet free. They have to cross a body of water known as the Red Sea or the Sea of Reeds. And as they stand at that body of water, they hear the sound of 400 chosen chariots of Pharaoh. the hitmen coming to bring them back.
- There would be no hope in this situation, even for the most well-suited army, much less millions of slaves and runaways on foot. What is the sound we hear behind us? We cried to the Lord to bring us out of Egypt, and here we are looking at a Red Sea. Moses, in an effort to do crowd control, because this is getting out of hand quickly as they begin to say, why didn't you leave us in Egypt? Why didn't you leave us where we were? This is worse than where we came from. And sometimes you get there, man, with God. You're like, I'm trying to do what God called me to do, but it actually feels more difficult to do it God's way.

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- **Closing prayer by Pastor Furtick:** And at that very moment, Moses gives a speech, Exodus 14. "Do not be afraid. Stand firm. and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you. You need only to be still. Then the Lord said to Moses, why are you crying out to me? You know what to do. Tell the Israelites to plug in the Apple TV. Tell the Israelites to go back to quoting the word of God. Tell the Israelites to wash their face and move on. Raise your voice. staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground." They had no way of knowing how God was going to do it. And maybe you don't either. And you're standing there saying, God, I feel like I've lost it. God, I feel like this is too much. God, I've never been this way before. And I don't know what to do. And God says, you still got that staff? You still got that word? You still got that praise? You still got that gift? Then stand up on your feet and lift your hands and praise your God. Because the same faith that you got at the burning bush is going to get you through this. God said He'll get you through this. He'll get you through the dry season. He'll get you through the panic attack. Because it still works. It worked on the ground. It'll work in the water. It worked when you were young. It'll work when you're old. It'll work in this season. It'll work when they hate you. It'll work when they lie about you. I'm a living testimony that the word of God still works."

## **Part 2: eGroup study questions and additional thoughts**

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- God says: I don't need your ability — I need your availability.

What does this mean to you?

- **Three ways to have great faith:**
  - **Sometimes you have to do it doubting. Great faith is not eliminating doubt; it's looking it in the face and telling it, "I'm doing it anyway." Do it doubting**
  - **Sometimes you have to do it delayed. God's sovereign plan does not always make practical sense. God will work things out in a way that seems weird to us. God's lack of activity does not mean God is absent.**
  - **Sometimes you have to do it different.**

## "Weird but Works" Practices

- Forgiveness: Even if it doesn't fix them, it frees you.
- Giving: You give to God through a church; it frees you from being mastered by money and accesses faith.
- Holiness convictions (e.g., sexual restraint): May look weird, but it protects what God values in you.
- Worship and gratitude: "Hallelujah" and "Thank you, Jesus" still work.

## Next Steps / Actions

- Act despite doubt: Take the right action even with a bad attitude; let doubt ride but not drive.
- Worship anyway: Praise and pray without waiting to feel it; lift your hands and your voice now.
- Use what you have: Lean on the “staff” in your hand—God’s word, your praise, your gifts, your testimony.
- Persevere in prayer: Keep praying for your children, your health, and unresolved situations; your prayers are not pointless.
- Refuse condemnation: Reject “it’s too late”; ask God to redeem time and align you to His pace.
- Praise in advance: Trust that what worked before will work again in this new season.

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- "Everything I ever did for God, I did it doubting. But I did it. But I did it. And sometimes great faith is not eliminating doubt. It is looking at doubt right in the face and telling doubt, you can sit in the passenger seat, but you can't drive because we're doing this."

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- “So I want to remind you today that your prayers aren't pointless. Even if you don't have proof that they're heard. When the enemy tries to tell you it's not working this week. My prayers are not pointless. Even if I have no proof they have been heard. God might be multitasking some things in your life right now. God might be setting some things up for a generation from now that you don't know about. God might need you to help somebody in the future.”

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- Closing Prayer #1: And I've been preaching one book and believing one book for 30 years. And I came to announce it still works. I said it still works. I said it still works. Faith still works. Grace still works. Gratitude still works. Hallelujah still works. Thank you, Jesus, still works. It still works. If you know what I'm talking about, wave your hand and say it works for me. It's been working for me a long time. And it still works. It still works. I got some doubts I didn't have then, but it still works. I got some unanswered questions, but it still works. My faith is not having the answer. My faith is putting my hand in the hand of a man who does. It still works.

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- Closing prayer #2 by Pastor Furtick: And at that very moment, Moses gives a speech, Exodus 14. "Do not be afraid. Stand firm. and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you. You need only to be still. Then the Lord said to Moses, why are you crying out to me? You know what to do. Tell the Israelites to plug in the Apple TV. Tell the Israelites to go back to quoting the word of God. Tell the Israelites to wash their face and move on. Raise your voice. staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground." They had no way of knowing how God was going to do it. And maybe you don't either. And you're standing there saying, God, I feel like I've lost it. God, I feel like this is too much. God, I've never been this way before. And I don't know what to do. And God says, you still got that staff? You still got that word? You still got that praise? You still got that gift? God said He'll get you through this. He'll get you through the dry season. He'll get you through the panic attack. Because it still works. It worked on the ground. It'll work in the water. It worked when you were young. It'll work when you're old. It'll work in this season. It'll work when they hate you. It'll work when they lie about you. I'm a living testimony that the word of God still works."

Back up slides

- Closing Prayer #4: “Father, I bless you for your word today. It spoke to me so much. The times in my life that I look back and see that you were weaving while I was walking. That you were weaving while I was waiting. I praise you today, Lord, because you brought somebody here to be reminded of the skillful touch of your hand, the weaver's hand. I thank you that today, Lord, as we stare into Easter Sunday and anticipate your resurrection, that you have given us the faith to face Friday, knowing that the weaver will never leave our side. Father, you know who you're speaking to today. You know their name. You know their need. You know the need beneath the need beneath the need that presents itself as the problem. And you are the weaver. God, I thank you that all things do work together for those who you love and are called according to your purpose. May we walk in the light of our resurrected Savior. May we worship our weaver who works all things together. I've come a long way. I've seen how you work. Much more than I know. Amen”

- Closing prayer #1: The Lord told me to tell you, keep walking. He's weaving. Keep walking. He's weaving. He's weaving, see? Because at some point, the Bible says that after Jesus was glorified, this is his death, this is his burial, this is his resurrection, this is his ascension. The Bible says that the disciples did what Jesus told them to do, even though they didn't understand it. Will you? What if you're asking God, what are you doing? Maybe he's asking you the same. What are you doing? Because there are some things in this season of your life where he's called you to trust him. And he's called you to have integrity. And he's called you to be kind. And he's called you to be patient. And he's called you to be giving. And he's called you to be a servant. And he's called you to prayer. And he's called you to worship. And he's called you to praise. So can you and will you? Do what he gave you to do as they are untying the donkey, the king, Jesus is weaving. See, he's weaving. They're walking. Crowds are waving. A donkey is waiting. And Jesus is weaving. He's reaching that 500 feet all the way through Zechariah's prophecy.

In August 2017, Pastor Furtick led a study of David called “Bars and Battles.” I think Pastor Furtick’s sermon this weekend “Not as Long as My Song” builds of this prior series. On August 13, 2017, Pastor Furtick said this while unpacking Psalm 142 and 1 Sam 22 – where Saul is trying to kill David: “We have to learn to trust God and keep our hand on the harp. This means that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (fleshy or bodily), they are mighty through God for the pulling down of strong-holds – so it might not look like much – but our worship is our weapon. If you humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, and trust him – no matter what is coming at your head, no matter what is coming at your life – if you trust him and duck – and trust him and pray – the hand of God is on your life. Therefore, if you can win the battle here (your heart) – if you can get down low enough to say God I need you – and realize that the real battle is not with Saul – it is with self. Before David become a king and before God calls us to do what we are supposed to do, we need to learn to do the hardest thing to do – to depend. The easiest thing for David to do was to fight – this came naturally to him – the hardest thing for David to do was to be humble and depend – where David has to depend on the hand of God for the spear to miss him.” Kev note: Dang that is good!



Oswald Chambers

## July 18 – Daily Devotional:

“There is nothing miraculous about the things that we can explain. We command what we are able to explain, consequently it is natural to seek to explain. It is not natural to obey; nor is necessarily sinful to disobey. If one man says to another – You must and you shall, he brakes the human spirit and unfits it for God. Many a soul begins to come to God when he flings off being religious, because, there is only one master of the human heart, and that is not religion but Jesus Christ. But woe be to me if when I see Him I say – I will not. He will never insist that I do, but I have begun to sign the death warrant of the Son of God in my soul. When I stand face to face with Jesus Chris and say – I will not, **He will never insist, but I am backing away form the re-creating power of His redemption.**

# Kev's guys on-line eGroup study notes

Sermon Discussion: "Allow Joy To Reintroduce Himself" by Tauren Wells on May 25, 2025



Dr. Timothy Keller

total freedom = lack of meaning and significance

What if we found the reason for life? Why we were created? Why we were designed? And conformed to that and then honored that?

If there is a design, there is a designer. And if there is a designer, the logos has come. Not some abstract philosophical principle. **It is a person.**

The designer has punched a hole into the world and he has descended. And you were built not to just honor some philosophical principle. But you were built to know and love this divine person. When you know him and when you serve him and you find out what he built you for, when you comply with it and submit yourself to him, you find out who you are. And you are now able to reach your potential.

Have a good navigational beacon in 2022:

“Life and Leadership at the Highest” A quote from an unknown author and requoted by Pastor Tim Keller in his sermon “This is Jesus” part 4 “Two Grieving Sisters Encounter Jesus” at Oxford University in 2016: “The accounts of Him in the New Testament speak for themselves – He combines qualities that no one has ever seen – despite his incredible claims, we never see him pompous, offended, or standing on his own dignity. Despite being absolutely approachable to the weakest and most broken people, he is completely fearless before the powerful and the corrupt. Despite being weary and lonely, we find him remarkably human - filled with joy, fear, love, and anger. Yet, we never see him Moody. We never see him being inconsistent. We never see Him strong when He should be tender and we never see Him tender when He should be strong. Most interesting of all – Of all his encounters with people - we are continuously surprised – shocking us - but never disappointing us – it is difficult for us to imagine words that Jesus ought to have said or deeds that he ought to have done. Nothing he has done ever falls short - in fact He is always surprising us - because He is incomparably better than what we could imagine for ourselves. Why? These are the surprises of perfection – He has tenderness without weakness – He has strength without harshness – humility without the slightest lack of confidence – unhesitating authority without the slightest sense of self-absorption – Holy and unbending convictions without the slightest lack of approachability – power without insensitivity – passion without prejudice – there is never a false step – there’s never a jarring no – this is life at the highest.”