

GOING DEEPER
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Title: Reimagine The New You

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Text: Exodus 14, 2 Timothy 1:7

After spending our time this summer 'reimagining', we hope it has given you the opportunity to recalibrate yourself or to have awakened something in you that has made you ready for a completely different direction. We are a new creation in Jesus and are called to make good God-centred choices. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

LOOK AT THE WORD

"Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? ... Why did you make us leave Egypt? Didn't we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, 'Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It's better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!'" Exodus 14:11-12

In the garden, Adam and Eve forgot God's goodness under temptation. Abram receives the call of God and quickly deceives foreign leaders to save himself. The Israelites have seen the mighty hand of God against Egypt, delivering them from slavery into freedom.

Why would they trade in their freedom for slavery? What reasons do the Israelites have for confidence?

What other Biblical examples can you recall of a person failing to move forward with confidence after seeing God at work?

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. 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. Exodus 14:15-16

Why would a call to prayer be received by God in this way?

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

How are we to understand when to be still before God and when we are to be moved to action? What are some examples of each that we see in the Bible?

LOOK INWARD

Many people have a misunderstanding of our relationship with God. Because God knew me before the earth was formed (Psalm 139, Ephesians 2) and has a purpose for me (Jeremiah 1 & Romans 8), sometimes believe we don't have a choice and YET, to choose is the most spiritual activity you will engage in.

What choices did you make this past week that you felt moved you closer to the heart of God?

And the opposite: where did you feel your choices moved you further away from Jesus?

How do the habits or spiritual disciplines you have in your life support or discourage your decision making?

In looking at the way you're following Jesus right now, how do you resonate with the phrase Scott used: "Yesterday's faith never seems to keep us from tomorrows crisis"?

What choice is God waiting for you to make right now? What purpose does he have for you that you don't even know yet?

LOOK OUTWARD

In Exodus 14, we see the 'mob' of Israelites turn on Moses and forget what God was doing.

What if just a few people had been able to choose to act in confidence? How would they have been able to declare God's faithfulness for the sake of others and to keep moving?

Scott shared that ‘good people sit back and say why doesn’t God do something? I’ll just pray.’ But God, in His providing for you and for others has created you, to be the agent of choosing and changing.

What choice can you make today to move towards a new habit that will help you move closer to Jesus? How will you, moving closer to Jesus, directly benefit others around you?

SO WHAT:

To choose is the most spiritual activity you will engage in.

We can choose freedom in Jesus and find the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives (Gal 5:25)

Or we can choose slavery, to what has been in our lives, and lose what God has promised us. (Gal 5:8)

NEVER STOP PRAYING

- Thank God that IJM Bolivia continues to bring justice for children freed from slavery
- Thank God for the impact of compassion meals throughout our church family and community
- Pray with thanks for an opportunity to rest, renew and restore with a vacation this summer
- Pray for Metro Church and their staff as they serve the homeless
- Pray for relationship connections that will help each person take their next step in following Jesus; for those who have joined common groups at Trinity
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you might take your next step to inspire someone else’s faith and community experience this fall.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire our Lead Team and Elder Board as they lead the church this fall
- Pray for those in long-term care and assisted living facilities that have not been able to have visitors or interactions with outside during the pandemic