



## The Story of Exodus

We are starting a new series and a new adventure of God's story through the Book of Exodus. I believe it's a good reminder that kingdoms of this world have come and gone. One thing unchanging is God's promises, character, and commitment to work through generation after generation to bring about the completion of God's story. How incredible is it to realize that God's sovereign hand is upon our world?

Even though we know these truths of God's promises, as a pastor, I sense a deep, underlining tone of fear that is worrisome because a person's fears are the easiest way to manipulate them. Fear can sell a product, fear can sell a political theory, and fear can cause individuals into paralyzation. There is no better time to turn towards God's word and God's story to combat our fears. The setting of Israel's story in the book of Exodus is fertile ground to find people who lived in fear and were invited to obey and trust a God who hadn't forgotten His promises.

As we start reading Exodus, we see the book is not really about Pharaoh, not really about Moses, not really about Israel. The book of Exodus is about God. If you read the story for yourself, you start to discover that God, more specifically, Yahweh, shows up in his creation and has His mighty hand on the account. Above all, the story of Exodus delivers the message of David's second Psalm.

*10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

**Psalm 2:10-12**

I hope our journey that follows God's mission through the Book of Exodus, which takes place, in a far off country and region, will bless your heart and you can start to say, "Blessed are all who take refuge in him."