

RAISED TO LIFE

Part 2: Passing Through

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1 Corinthians 10:1-4

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

**Every story in the Old Testament finds its hope, fulfillment,
and realization in the Jesus of the New Testament.**

(See 2 Corinthians 1:20)

1 Corinthians 10 takes me back to the book of Exodus

God promises freedom to the people of Israel

But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. – *Genesis 15:14*

God physically delivers the Israelites from physical slavery

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested.” – *Exodus 12:31*

God saves the Israelites from a hopeless situation: The Red Sea

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. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” – *Exodus 14:13-14*

God makes a miraculous way of escape: through the water

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, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. – *Exodus 14:21-22*

God calls his people to trust him

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. – *Exodus 14:31*

In the same way for us...

Jesus promises freedom to all who believe

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. – *John 8:36*

Jesus spiritually delivers us from spiritual slavery

I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. – *John 8:34*

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. – *Galatians 5:1*

Jesus saves us from a hopeless situation: our own sin

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. – *Ephesians 2:1, 4-6*

Jesus makes a miraculous way of escape: through his blood

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. – *Ephesians 1:7*

Jesus calls us to trust him

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. – *John 14:1*

***Anything that takes you back can also
remind you of how far you have come.***

Next Steps

- **Invite and bring your friends and family** (especially those you have been praying for over the last few weeks) to join you at one of our Easter services this year. Invitations are available in the Commons.
- **Pray about being baptized on Easter.** If you've chosen to follow Jesus, we will be baptizing in every Easter service this year. Ask God if this is the right opportunity for you to demonstrate your faith in him.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you ever escaped from a hopeless situation? What happened?
- 2) Do you remember how you first heard the story of the crossing the Red Sea? Children's book? Movie? Just this week? What does the story teach you about God, Moses, the people of Israel and yourself?
- 3) What does the story of God's deliverance in Exodus teach us about baptism in 1 Corinthians 10:1-4?
- 4) In what areas of your life are you still a slave? Confess and ask God for help.
- 5) Who are you inviting to Easter? How can we pray for that?