

A Devotional for Discernment



EXODUS

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Chosen	June 9	Exodus 1-2
Called	June 16	Exodus 3-4
Promise	June 23	Exodus 4:18-7:13
Judgment	June 30	Exodus 7:14-10:29
Redemption	July 7	Exodus 11:1-13:16
Deliverance	July 14	Exodus 13:17-15:21
Provision	July 21	Exodus 15:22-16:36
Doubt	July 28	Exodus 17:1-18:27
Law	August 4	Exodus 19-20
Tabernacle	August 11	Exodus 25, 32-33, 40
Rejection	August 18	Exodus 32
Renewal	August 25	Exodus 33-34

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How to Use this Devotional

- Intro** The intention of this devotion is to encourage you to seek God, to listen to God, to discern God’s calling for you during this season in your life and in the life of our church community. This summer, seek God and let the Lord speak to you and through you to all of us. In a world of distractions and busyness, this devotional can guide your daily or weekly time of seeking the Lord through Scripture, prayer and listening.
- Read** Feel free to read all of the Psalms listed in the “Praise” section and Exodus passages in the “Reading” section, or just a portion of what is listed—adapt it for you. For example, if you use this devotional several times during the week—read a different Psalm each day and read the chapters out of Exodus in sections, a little each day—or you could read the whole of the Exodus selection in one sitting.
- Discern** The questions listed under the “Reflect” section are to guide you to think about what God is doing and saying in the Psalm and Exodus narratives and their implications for your life—to “Seek” the Lord and let him speak to you about what he wants from you this day, this week or in this season of your life. And to do so on behalf of our church community: what is God calling us to as His People at this season in our life together? This summer allow God to speak to you through Scripture, prayer and silence.
- Open** There are blocks of Open Space and corresponding Open Pages to enable you to “Respond”: write your favorite verse from the “Readings”; answer the “Reflect” questions; draw the image the Lord is putting in your mind during your “Seeking”; put down the what you are “Discerning” from God—even if you are not sure whether it’s your own thought or God’s. Open yourself to the Spirit during your prayers and silence, thoughts and listening—and use the Open Spaces and Open Pages to remember them.

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Week of June 9

- Open** Take time to quiet yourself, turn off distractions, prepare your heart.
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- Praise** Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
Or Read, Sing, Listen to a Hymn or Song
- Read** Exodus 1:1-4:17 (Read whole selection or smaller portion of reading)
- Reflect** From the Reading / Psalm—Ask (1) What’s happening with God’s People? (2) What does it reveal about God? (3) How does it point to Christ’s work? (4) What is the Spirit showing me in this passage?
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- Praise** Psalm 6, 7, 8, 9 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
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- Praise** Psalm 18, 19, 20 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
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- Praise** Psalm 21, 22, 23, 24 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
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- Read** Exodus 17:17-15:21 (Read whole selection or smaller portion of reading)
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- Praise** Psalm 25, 26, 27, 28 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
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- Read** Exodus 15:22-16:36 (Read whole selection or smaller portion of reading)
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- Praise** Psalm 29, 30, 31, 32 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
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- Read** Exodus 17:1-18:27 (Read whole selection or smaller portion of reading)
- Reflect** On Reading or Psalm. Ask (1) What's happening with God's People? (2) What does it reveal about God? (3) How does it point to Christ's work? (4) What is the Spirit showing me in this passage?
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- Close** *Lord Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

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- Praise** Psalm 33, 34, 36, 37 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
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- Read** Exodus 19-20 (Read whole selection or smaller portion of reading)
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- Praise** Psalm 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
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- Read** Exodus 32 (Read whole selection or smaller portion of reading)
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- Praise** Psalm 60, 61, 62, 63 (Prayerfully read a Psalm or a portion of one)
Or Read, Sing, Listen to a Hymn
- Read** John 6 & 1 Peter 1-2 (Read whole selection or smaller portion of reading)
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