

Exodus and other Scripture passages
Theme: Exodus – The Journey of HOPE
PULPIT STUDY QUESTIONS: 7 January to 24 June 18

<p style="text-align: center;">January 7, 2018</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Strength for the Journey 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you seen people who were strengthened in their faith through trials, while others fell away from the Lord? What was the difference? 2. How did Paul describe God’s role in our salvation? 3. Is the doctrine of election a comfort to you or a source of perplexity? Why? How could it become a source of comfort? 4. Do you wrestle with discouragement in your faith? How can these verses turn that to encouragement? 5. What teachings should a Christian hold on to as he or she lives for Christ? 6. How could we, as God’s family at HopePC, strengthen one another in journeying ahead together to KPC? 7. As we journey ahead towards a New Beginning, in what ways could we, as individuals, CG as well as a Church strengthen our foundation in Christ through God’s Love, Word and Missions?
<p style="text-align: center;">January 14, 2018</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New Pharaoh, New Opposition Exodus 1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does this story of the deliverance of the baby Moses teach us? Read 2 Peter 2:9 and 1 Corinthians 10:13: Do God’s word in these 2 passages be your strength in times of trials? 2. In what ways do this passage tell us about how God works in our lives and in the world? 3. In our context, how have we responded to ungodly values around us? 4. Give some examples of ungodly values we encounter?

<p>January 21, 2018</p>	<p>God's Power Through Weakness Exodus 2:11-25</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can we learn about Moses' character from these verses? 2. What reaction did the Jews' slavery cause them to have (turn to God in prayer)? 3. Did God save them immediately when they started praying to Him? 4. What does this tell us about how God answers prayers? 5. If God is concerned about our well-being do we seek Him first when we encounter difficulties?
<p>January 28, 2018</p>	<p>Take off your scandals ... this is Holy ground. Exodus 3</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why do you think God chose this way to appear to Moses? What was the significance of appearing in a burning bush? 2. How about if we face difficulties? Will God be with us? How do we know? 3. Why is it important to remember that God will always be with us? 4. What does this chapter teach us about God's sovereignty, but also humans' responsibility? 5. Do you face the feeling of inadequacy that Moses felt when God calls you? Would you be willing to heed God's call in future?
<p>February 4, 2018</p>	<p>Why Don't I Share The Gospel Exodus 4:1-17</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what ways do we see ourselves, our gifting, our time or resources to be of value in God's ministry? 2. Has God given you a sign or has God called you to be of service to Him? 3. Do you think you are not ready or equipped to serve God in any ministry? 4. Share in your group the experience you have in heeding God's call. 5. In what ways could you contribute in supporting your CG leader and in building/strengthening your CG? 6. In what ways could your CG share the Gospel; inviting friends/newcomers to your CG, conduct Alpha course, participate in an outreach event?

<p>February 11, 2018</p>	<p>Why God Allow Difficulties In Our Lives Exodus 5:1-23</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can we learn about Pharaoh from his initial response in verse 2? 2. Have you encounter difficult circumstances that seemed overwhelming? How have you able to get through it? 3. What principles can we learn of how God worked in this chapter? 4. How does the lesson on obeying God apply to us? 5. Do you acknowledge that our spiritual battle against the onslaught of the evil one is real?
<p>February 18, 2018</p>	<p>A Wilderness Time Matthew 4:1-11</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To what perceived weakness is Satan trying to test Jesus? 2. What are some of the major weaknesses of mankind that Satan could easily deceive us? 3. How might your present circumstances be used to cause you to doubt in God? 4. How might they be part of God's testing of your faith? 5. How might physical needs distract from the greater priority of spiritual needs? 6. How does Satan attempt to undermine our trust in God's Word?
<p>February 25, 2018</p>	<p>Journey with Jesus - Way of the Cross Mark 8:27-38</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do the person of Jesus Christ mean to you as a believer? 2. How would your understanding and conviction of Christ being the Messiah impact your journey of faith? 3. What does it mean to deny self and carry the cross? 4. What is the main focus Jesus wanted His disciples to hold on to? 5. What difference would it be when we put the values of our soul more than what we value on earth? 6. Does it impact our outlook and perspective in life or challenges that we encounter?

<p>March 4, 2018</p>	<p>A Time Of Dependence on God Hebrews 4:14-16</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are we only fair-weather believers who deny the Lord when it becomes costly to believe, or will we stand firm even to death because we know whom we have believed? 2. How does our understanding of the person and work of Christ relate to persevering in trials? 3. How are you encouraged that Jesus knows your sins and weaknesses and yet is merciful? What can you do to show these fruits to others and encourage them to confess to Him and live a life of faith in and for Him? 4. How might your focus on Christ in the midst of your hurts, temptations, and difficulties give you comfort, strength to overcome and hope to press on?
<p>March 11, 2018</p>	<p>Peace and Hope Romans 5:1-11</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If someone asked, "How do you become a believer of Christ and what make you believed in Him." What would be your answer?" 2. Read verses 3 -5, how might these 3 verses be an encouragement to our faith and hope in God in the midst of our trials in life? 3. How might the teachings in this passage affect your relationships with Christians, non-Christians, God and your priorities in life? 4. God wants you to find joy in relationship with Him. How can you grow in your joy in Him? 5. In our relationship with others, do the love of God in reconciling us to Him be a motivation to us to reconcile any hurtful relationship we have with others? Or in what ways could we be peacemakers or mediators in others' broken relationship?
<p>March 18, 2018</p>	<p>A Time Of Comfort Philippians 3:4-14</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In verse 3, Paul reminds us not to put confidence in the flesh but only to boast in our Lord Christ Jesus for our salvation. Have we ever felt confidence in our ability in serving God? In what ways could we be aware of being confidence in the flesh? 2. What are some of the problems with looking inside ourselves for answers? 3. What does it mean to "know" Christ as explained by Paul and to know Christ as your Saviour and Shepherd of your life? 4. What is our perception of our Christian journey? 5. How might we support and encourage one another to press on in our faith in Christ and service for Him?

<p>March 25, 2018</p>	<p>Hosanna Mark 11:1-11</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make a list of the emotions, perceptions and expectations depicted in Mark 11:1-10; Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26,27; and Psalm 24:7-10. Which of these do you personally identify with? Why? 2. Was this incident foretold (prophesied)? When and by who? Does this incident assure you of God's fulfilling promise? (Mark 11:1-11, Zechariah 9:9) The people praise Jesus as their king and saviour, but later they will kill him. Is Jesus the kind of king they expected? Why or Why not? 3. Do we sometimes have expectations of God that he does not fulfil? 4. How can we demonstrate trust in God even when our prayers to Him seem unanswered?
<p>April 1, 2018</p>	<p>The Miracle Of Easter Mark 16:1-8</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When and why did the women go to Jesus' tomb? 2. Do you think the women expected Jesus to rise from the dead? Give a reason for your answer. 3. As the women brought the spices to anoint Jesus' body they were concerned about the practicalities of rolling away the stone in order to go into the tomb. In what ways do practical concerns hinder us from serving the Lord? 4. Why do you think the angel instructed the women to tell his message to "the Disciples and Peter"? 5. How does the example of these women in Christ's life challenge your devotion to Him? Or challenge you to be proactive and courageous in sharing the Good News?
<p>April 8, 2018</p>	<p>Hard Hearts & God's Judgement Exodus 7:1-6</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does the Lord mean when He says of Moses "See I have made you like God to Pharaoh?" How does this change the way you see/receive messages from those whom God has placed in authority over the church? 2. What is the responsibility that a servant of God has that we see from Moses & Aaron? 3. Read Exodus 1:8-16, 3:7-9, 3:19- what do these verses tell you about Pharaoh as a ruler? 4. What should Pharaoh have learn from the previous pharaoh and how should he have seen the Israelites? 5. Seeing how God chose to harden Pharaoh's heart, what warning does this give us? Is your heart

		<p>hardened in any way or have there been times in which you have hardened your heart before?</p> <p>6. What is the purpose of God's judgment? Is it for wrath alone? What does this tell you about God's heart?</p>
<p>April 15, 2018</p>	<p>God's Plan: Let My People Go Exodus 9:13-16</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read Exodus 7:17-18, 8:4, 16, 21 and 9:3, 9. List each of the plagues and their corresponding consequences on the Egyptians. 2. What is the difference between the first six plagues and this one (v.14)? 3. Why did God send so many plagues? What does this tell you about the character of God? 4. What is the 'purpose' stated in v.16? How do verses 17-19 show God's mercy despite the plagues? 5. Compare the two kinds of responses to this 7th plague in vv. 20-21. Which category are you under? Share with the group anything that needs to change in your life, that you may truly be counted as paying attention to the words of the Lord.
<p>April 22, 2018</p>	<p>Is God too unfair to harden Pharaoh's Heart Exodus 10:1-2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was Pharaoh's heart totally hardened? Read 9:27-28 and 10:16-17. 2. What actions by Pharaoh allowed his heart to be hardened further? Why do you think Pharaoh sinned yet again in 9:34-35? 3. Looking at Pharaoh, what does this tell you about true repentance? What does it involve? 4. How can true repentance be possible (v.3)? 5. What did Pharaoh's servants say to him in v.7? From his refusal and proclamation in v.10, describe Pharaoh's attitude or beliefs. 6. Do you ever doubt God's purposes like Pharaoh (v.11)? Share your doubts with the group.

<p>April 29, 2018</p>	<p>Consecrate your firstborn Exodus 13</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What and how did the Lord ask them to consecrate? What is the significance of this consecration? (Exodus 12:29-32, 13:14-15) 2. The firstborn sons of man were to be redeemed in order to live, rather than be sacrificed- what does this tell you about our redemption? 3. Alongside vv.12-13, read Colossians 1:15-21 and describe how Jesus is a “firstborn” and what it means. 4. Israel’s journey out of Egypt is one of deliverance into a new life with God- what is the purpose of God doing so? What did He intend for Israel’s testimony to be? 5. What do vv.17-18, 21-22 tell you about the character of God?
<p>May 6, 2018</p>	<p>God's Triumph & Our Song Exodus 15:1-18</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did God triumph for the Israelites, that it caused them to rejoice (Exodus 14:13-14, 26-28)? 2. What are some things that Moses declares about God after their deliverance? 3. What is the significance of ‘my father’s God’ (Exodus 3:1-6) in context to this deliverance? 4. According to vv.3-8, how is God described? 5. In vv.11-13, what other qualities of God accompany his wrath? How does this comfort us? 6. What does God promise the Israelites in vv.17-18? How does God continue to do the same for us today? Share with the group if you have experienced the leading of God to a place of His good, pleasing and perfect will.
<p>May 13, 2018</p>	<p>More Precious Than Jewels Proverbs 31:10-31</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read through the passage and observe the characters of the woman gleaned from the texts. Share among your group these characters and how one might benefit in adopting these characters. 2. Woman of noble character is a woman who demonstrates her noble character through: her loyalty (verse 11, 12) Describe loyalty. Why is it an important quality in a person/marriage? 3. In Proverbs 31:13-19 we read that the woman of noble character is a willing worker. How would you describe your attitude about work (in your place of employment and working around the house)? Are you a willing worker? 4. In Proverbs 31:20-22 we read of her love for others and verses 23-27 speaks of her light – the light of her character shines brightly upon her husband who is respected by others because of her. What kind of things can we do for our spouse so that they are held with respect?

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The one thing missing from this text is failure. What do you do when you fail to be a person of noble character? 6. The Bible points us to the person and character of Jesus Christ to help us build godly characters, to draw strength and guidance in our failures as a parent or as a spouse to our other half. Let us keep each other in prayer and encourage one another with God's word to build characters that would glorify God and be a blessing to others.
May 20, 2018	Provisions in The Desert Exodus 16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the attitude of the Israelites towards the condition they were facing in this passage? 2. In verse 3, the Israelites said that they were better off in Egypt, how true is this statement? 3. In our Christian journey, do we at times feel we are better off adhering to our own rationale than in submitting to God's leading? 4. Why did God want them to rest on the Sabbath? What do 'Sabbath rest' mean to you? 5. In what ways do you see God's provision for you and your family over the years?
May 27, 2018	The Rock Of Salvation Exodus 17:1-6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you tend to complain in times of dire needs or in moments of frustration? 2. Do you often take your concerns to God in prayer? 3. Is your faith shaken or reinforced when facing difficult/challenging situations? 4. What are you thirsting for in life? 5. How could we encourage each other to thirst for God's word and be affirmed by the guiding hands of God?
June 3, 2018	New Faith & New Leaders Exodus 18:17-24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss in your group the effectiveness of a ministry leader/CG leader in running the ministry all by oneself or with a few supporters? 2. In what ways could we learn from this passage on building and strengthening your Care-group? 3. To what extent are we too busy in our work that we neglect the precious word of God? 4. In what ways/capacity could we support the Church's ministries? 5. In the context of care-group, do you as members of

		the CG aspire to grow in sharing God’s word, in leading Bible studies or stepping forward to assist your CG leader or learning to lead?
June 10, 2018	Before The Law Exodus 19:1-6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is God's covenant that He wanted them to keep? 2. Why does He call them a “kingdom of priests.”? A holy nation? Read 1 Peter 2:9 and Deuteronomy 7:6. 3. What is your understanding of the statement “carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself” in verse 4 means? Read Isaiah 40:31 4. What do you see God’s purpose and plans for us as His redeemed children?
June 17, 2018	A Great Dad Psalm 103:13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what ways do a father shows compassion to his children? 2. Does your experience with your earthly father help or hinder the word picture given in 103:13?. 3. Sometimes it is hard for a person to relate to God as Father when their human father was or is not what God intended. Hence, God as Father is a painful image for some. Richard Foster in his book ‘Prayer’ writes: “I know that many find abba (father) language painful because they have been inexpressibly hurt by their own human fathers. I grieve for those wounded by these terribly destructive experiences, and I pray, even as I write these words, that they may know grace and healing. Then, too, it may help all of us to remember that we are to receive our understanding of how human fathers are supposed to function by learning what God is like, not the other way around.” (Page 131) 4. Spend a moment in your group praying for children who have hurtful experiences with their earthly fathers. 5. What is your understanding about fearing God? 6. Is there anything or concern you are fearful of? 7. In what ways could we inculcate the importance of fearing God in our spiritual growth?

<p>June 24, 2018</p>	<p>How To Discern Your Calling Exodus 31:1-6</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did God do for the craftsmen, to increase their skill for building the tabernacle and its furniture? 2. Do you see that God's wisdom, knowledge and understanding, are at work in building your potential as a person; be it at work, at home, in Church and in your CG? 3. In what ways could we support and encourage one another in each of our gifting from God? 4. Do we see ourselves able to assist our CG leader in small or big ways to strengthen and build-up the CG for God's purpose? 5. As we journey ahead to a new beginning/a new place of worship, in what ways/capacities could we contribute in building and strengthening our community of faith at HopePC? 6. Let us pray in unison for a smooth transition to KPC. Let us keep our brothers and sisters in Christ who are not able to come along with us in our prayer that they too would settle in a place of worship.
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