



## LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

### EXODUS CHAPTERS 1-40

Before Joseph's death, Egypt had been a place of shelter and comfort where the children of Israel were fruitful and multiplied, waxing exceedingly (1:7). In the time that followed, the Israelites began to suffer hardships because the new king did not know Joseph (1:8) and the people were multiplying and were mightier so "they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor" (1:11). However, the "more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied" (1:12). Pharaoh feared the prosperity of the children of Israel and took matters into his own hands not recognizing they had a God who would fight for them.

As we dive into deeper waters with our relationship with God let us be willing to ask ourselves hard, challenging, and even painfully revealing questions and let us be bold to ask the Lord to examine our hearts (See, 2 Corinthians 13:5) – to know us and try us and test our ways (See, Psalm 139:23).

As you begin the book of Exodus, start by asking yourself: Are there areas in your life where your decisions, your actions, your thoughts are more on what you are doing to please man rather than pleasing or walking in obedience to God? Spend time reflecting on this question and write some specific thoughts.

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Read the story of the birth and mission of Moses (2-4). What can you glean from these chapters that you can relate to your life in Christ? What is your mission for God? Pray and ask Him to reveal how you can continue to serve Him?

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What are some key points from Chapters 5-12? What can we learn from the plagues, delivered by God, used to move Pharaoh to set God's People free? Why did God want to demonstrate His power to Pharaoh and the children? Our choice today becomes what do we do with what God shows or demonstrates to us? Do we see God's power? What do we do with it?

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As God's Chosen people were led out of Egypt (Read Exodus 13-18), the Red Sea (wall) was in front of them and the charging Egyptian army (another wall) was closing behind them. Think about the steps the Israelites followed when faced with their dilemma. Think about God's provision. In your spiritual journey with Christ, what have been your first steps? How has God provided for you, be specific? What does God reveal to you through this event in Exodus?

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Read Exodus 19-31. What do the Ten Commandments mean to you and I as New Testament Believers? Look for themes, such as prioritization, obedience, sacrifice – all of which flow from love for God and one another. How does the precision of the Tabernacle and God's architectural design and roles and functions of those in service to Him, apply to us today? Think about God's design for you and 1 Corinthians 6: 19 "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit – we are His temple."

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Sometimes self tries to control us. When Moses went on the mountain to be with God, the Israelites desired to worship a physical idol perhaps from an emotional need or by a self-controlled will (Read Exodus 32-35). We may incorrectly think, “How could they?” Have we made choices based on seen rather than the unseen? In a deeper relationship with Christ, what action should we take?

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In Exodus Chapter 35, the Sabbath is emphasized. What was represented by the Sabbath and why is it important to you and I today? Why do we need to find time to rest and wait on the Lord, please be specific?

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Read Exods 36-40. “All the work was completed (39:32) and “the cloud covered the tent of meeting.” The Children of Israel were faithful in completing the work of the Tabernacle. What is your tabernacle to complete for the Lord? Please be specific.

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In Exodus 40:38, “for throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.” How is the cloud and fire of the Lord – His presence – seen by you and those around you; for He is ever with you. “for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:6). “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). Reflect on these verses and journal some thoughts below about the reality that God will never leave you nor forsake you and He is with you always.

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