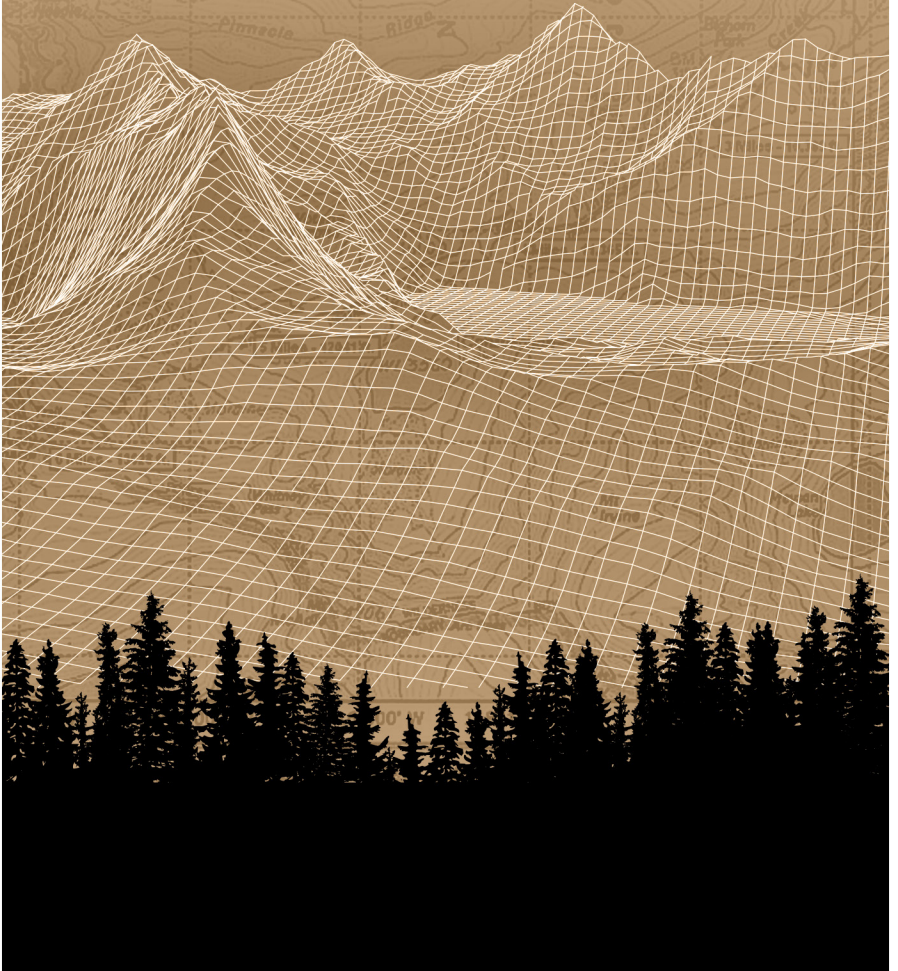
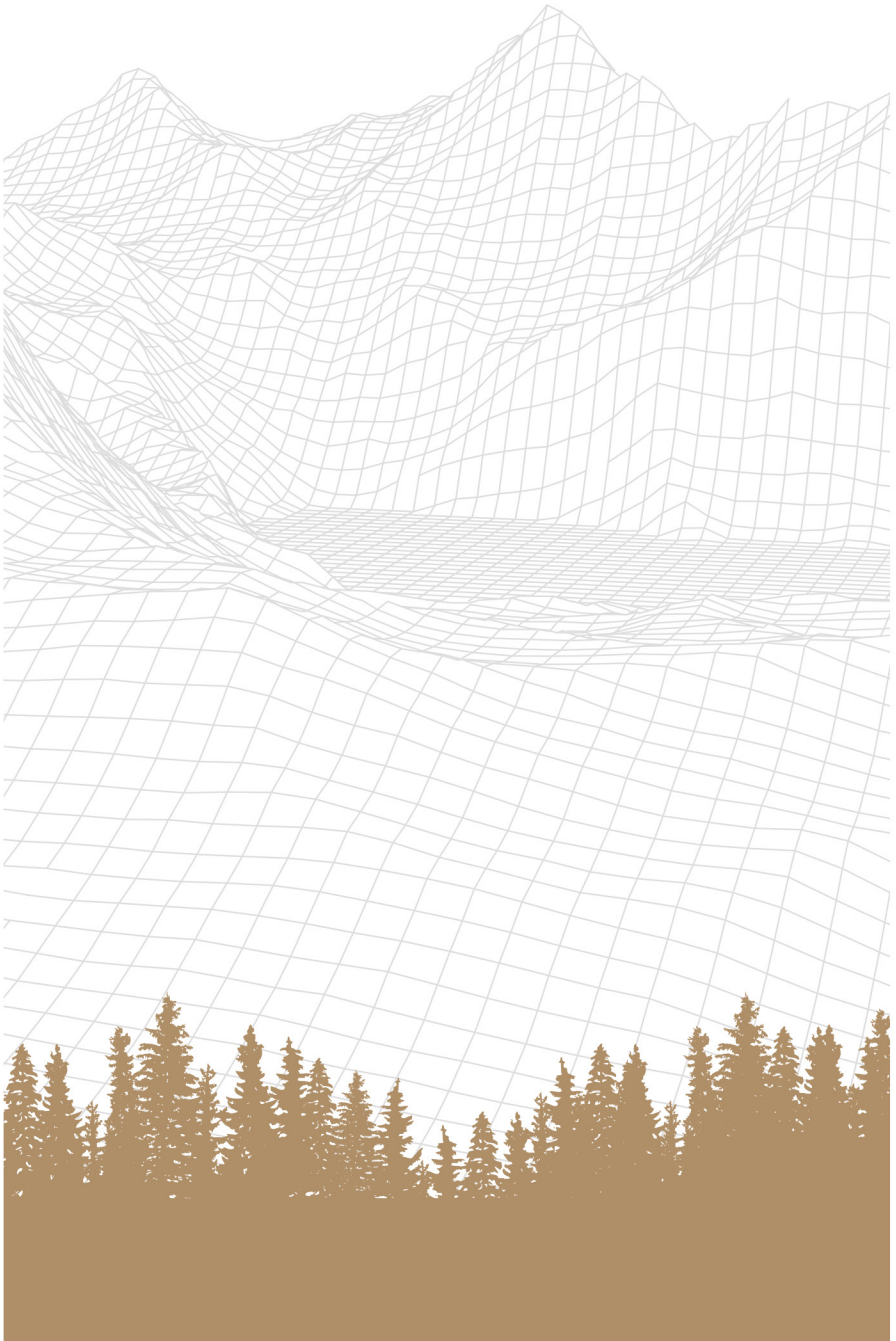


SEGMENT 4



DO YOU TRUST ME (TO REDEEM YOU)?

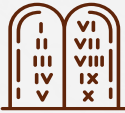




OPPRESSION

EXODUS: GOD RESCUES HIS PEOPLE

LEVITICUS: LAWS GOD GAVE THE ISRAELITES (I GIVE UP)



EXODUS



WANDERING

1. God sees the oppression of his people, and he sends someone to rescue them. In these passages in Exodus, track the process of God's rescue:

a. God sends a rescuer in the form of a _____ - 2:1-10

b. God _____ the rescuer into service - 3:1-4, 10

c. God prepares for the rescue with the final plague of death, and establishes the tradition of _____ as a way to remember his rescue - 12:6,7, 12,13

d. God's final rescue comes on the bank of the Red Sea, as he allows his people to walk across the sea on _____
_____ - 14:10-14, 21-22

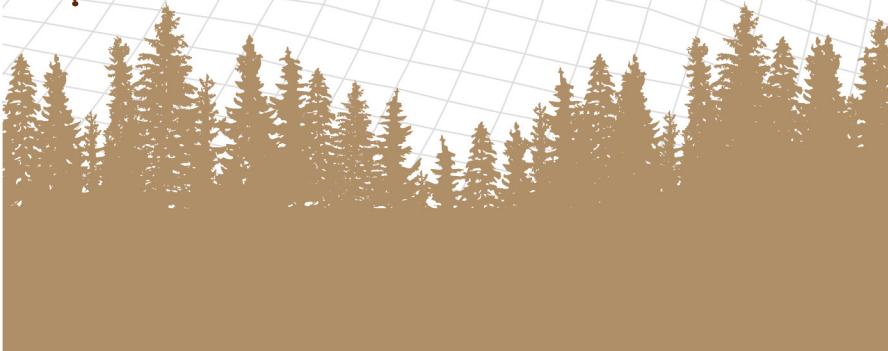
f. God provides for this people in the wilderness with _____ - 16:2,3,13-15,31

2. Why do you think God sent a baby (Moses) when God's people needed to be rescued?

3. What part of this story increases your faith? Surprises you? Confuses you?

4. God has done so much to rescue his people, and they complain about the food. Name two things that God has done for you that you appreciate. (Let's not be whiners!)

While God's people are wandering, he gives them three tools to help them along the journey, the Ten Commandments, the Tabernacle, and the Ark of the Covenant (Think Indiana Jones!). Actually, God is helping them understand that there is no way they can make this journey on their own, they need him there with them. The law was given to let us know that we could not live perfectly, like God. God added many laws to the Ten in the Book of Leviticus. (If you have ever tried to read through the book of Leviticus, you will come to the same conclusion, I give up!)



5. Why did God ask the Israelites to build a tabernacle? Exodus 25:8

6. What was in the Ark of the Covenant, and what was its purpose? Exodus 25: 10, 21,22

NUMBERS: TIME PERIOD AFTER EXODUS, BEFORE ENTRY TO THE PROMISED LAND

The book of Numbers is the story of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. (Trivia, the number 40 is often a symbol of a time of testing, Gen 7:4, Ex 16:35, Matt 4:2). They continue their pattern of obeying God, then getting distracted and annoyed with their situation, and then they complain to God. Even Moses took matters into his own hands and disobeyed God in Numbers 20:12 (That never happens to me!) “God doesn’t want this generation of people to enter

His promised land because they are fickle and disbelieving. I'd love to call this anything but what it is: an accurate reminder of our natural posture toward God. We grumble, turn, and demand our own way. In response, our gracious God gives us life where we deserve death, but he also allows us to suffer consequences as a result of our disobedience" (Taken from *Seamless*, Smith 2015, 76).

God actually predicted this would happen. **Read Genesis 15:13-16, Exodus 12:40, 16:35.** How well does he know us!

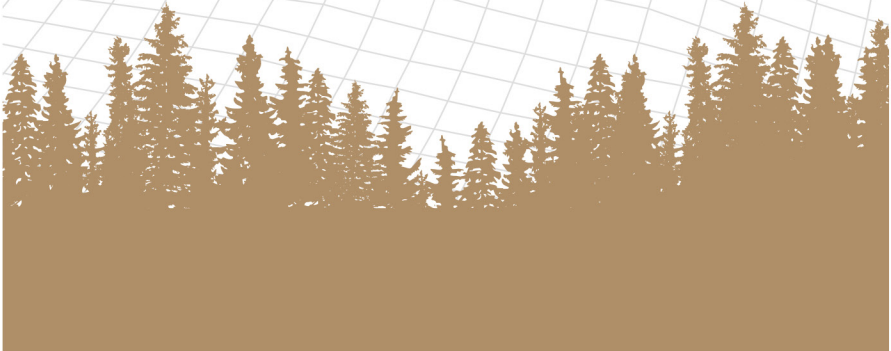
DEUTERONOMY: MOSES' FINAL SPEECHES

JOSHUA: THE ISRAELITES ENTER THE PROMISED LAND



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7. **Read Joshua 2:1,15-19.** Joshua is now leading the Israelites into the promised land. As he checks out the city of Jericho, his spies run into an Israelite sympathizer named Rahab. She happens to be a "lady of the evening." The spies ask her to put a red cord through her window in order for them to be able to rescue her. Does this bring back any memories of other rescues we have talked about today? How does it make you feel to know that God uses all kinds of people, regardless of their past?





JUDGES: GOD GAVE THE ISRAELITES JUDGES TO RULE THEM.

RUTH: A STORY OF REDEMPTION

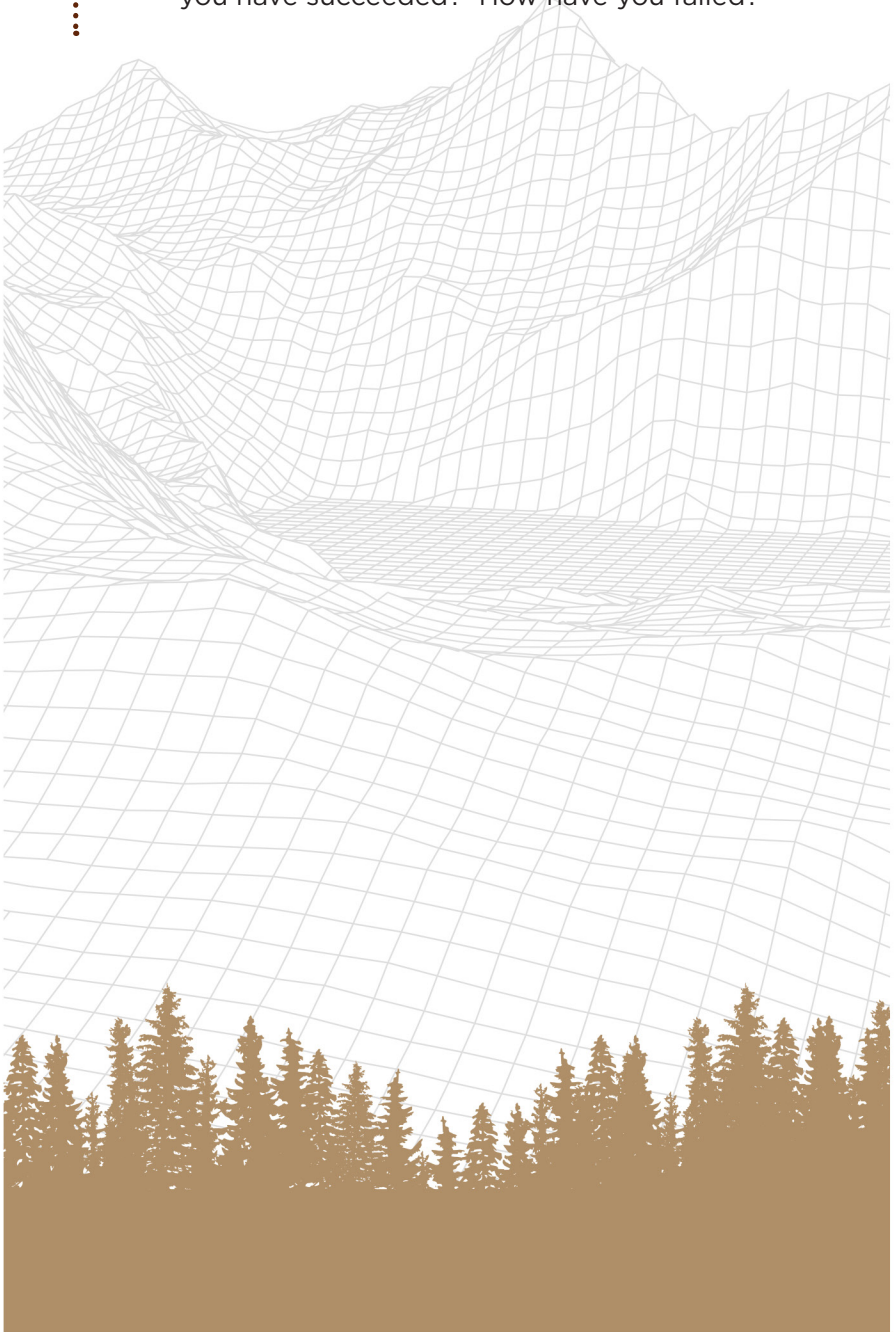
8. Ruth is a great love story that shows how God takes care of people in difficult circumstances. The hero of the story is Boaz who marries Ruth and “redeems” her family. **Read Matthew 1:5** to find out who is part of Boaz’s family tree.

“The woman who trusted the Israelites birthed a son who would marry a faithful woman and from their lineage would come Christ himself. So the prostitute who was saved by a scarlet cord is one of Jesus’ ancestors. The perfect, holy Messiah sent to save the world would be born into a family of scandalous repute, and His love for sinners wouldn’t stop there” (Smith 2015, 87).

9. God set up leaders called judges to lead Israel, primarily to remind them that they were different than the other nations that had kings. He also uses special birth stories to mark major turning points in scripture. **Read 1 Samuel 1:9-18, 3:8-10, 21.** Note where you see God’s hand in Samuel’s story. **Read 1 Samuel 8:7-8.** What type of change do you think this birth is signifying? What does God ask Samuel to do?



10. In what ways are you called to be “set apart” and different from the world? How would you say that you have succeeded? How have you failed?



SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Psalms 51

S – Scripture – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O – Observation – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A – Application – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P – Prayer – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.



