STUDY QUESTIONS

Have you ever had a difficult time believing God's promises? Tell about a specific time- and how did God bring you through? How did He show you He was faithful in the end?

Read Genesis 50:4-26 and Exodus 1:1-7. How does the story of Exodus continue the narrative from Genesis? Why does the author make this critical bridge between the two stories?

Read Genesis 1:26-28; 12:1-9, 28:10-22; 35:9-15. How have all of these promises started to be fulfilled in Ex. 1:1-7? When these promises were given, did things go well right away- or not so much? Why or why not? How could this prepare the readers for what is to come in the next few verses? How can it encourage us when we hear or realize or remember God's promises?

Read Genesis 1:7-14. How (and why) do things start to go badly for Israel? Is God still present or not? And how are these "new kings of Egypt" set up essentially as enemies towards Him and His people? How are they reminiscent of the evils and the enemies that we face even today in light of God's promises and plans for us?

AROUND THE TABLE

Have you ever wondered why bad things happen to people who love and believe in God? What can we learn through painful circumstances, even when God's good plan is still happening (or maybe seems like its not)? Read Exodus 1:1-14 and discuss what this must have felt like for the Israelites waiting for God's promises. Pray: Ask God to help your family to remember and hold to His promises even when things feel rough or rocky along the way.







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MESSAGE NOTES

Sermon Series: Exodus- YHWH on Display #1

Message: YHWH's Hidden Way

Scripture: Exodus 1:1-14

Think About it:

Pages from the Past (Genesis 1:26-28; 12:1-9, 28:10-22; 35:9-15)

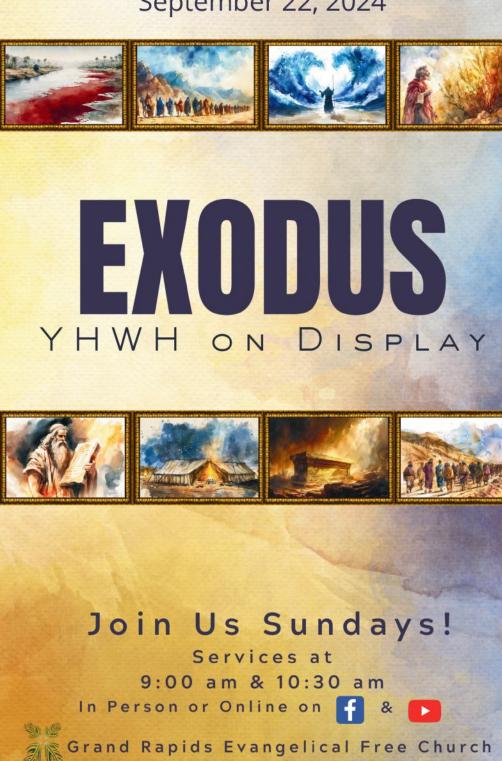
Promises and Proof (Genesis 50:15-26; Exodus 1:1-7)

Pain and God's Plan (Exodus 1:7-14)

Memory Verses: Exodus 1:6-7

Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

September 22, 2024



NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We're so glad you've joined us today. If this is your first visit, please fill out a blue Connect Card, check out our Welcome Center, and grab a few brochures to learn more about us. We sincerely hope you will come back to visit us again next Sunday. Relax and enjoy the service.

OUR VISION

We strive to be...

Together, living with purpose, by:

- Building a community that loves everyone deeply;
- Developing personal relationships that lead others closer to Jesus and;
- Equipping each generation to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please check in your kids BEFORE the service starts.

Check-in stations are located in the Foyer, the Nursery and at the KidZone Check-In Desk. You may check in all your kids at any of the stations. We offer a private space in the nursery for nursing/pumping moms. Adults & Grades 6 & 7 do not check in.

9:00 AM - Pathfinders & BRICK, Adult Education

Nursery (0-48 mo.)	Room 108	Grades 2-3	Room 102
PreK (age 3-4)	Room 101	Grades 4-5	Room 106
Age 5 - Kinder	Room 103	Grades 6-7	Pine Room
Grade 1	Room 104	Adult Education	Youth Room

Pathfinders kids attend worship singing with family then are dismissed to class. BRICK students go directly to the Pine Room at 9:00 am. Adult Education starts when kids are dismissed.

10:30 AM - Pathfinders Camp

Kids attending Pathfinders Camp go directly to their classrooms at 10:30 am.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements & Prayer - Elder Barry Pederson

Worship Music

Message - Pastor Micah Labovitch

Communion

Worship Music

Benediction

COMING SOON!



On Saturday, Sept. 28th, our Elders will be heading to Deeper Life Bible Camp for a day-long retreat where they will pray about and discuss the role of women in ministry roles here at GREFC. Please be in prayer for these men as they seek God & the Bible on this issue.

For more details on any event, visit <u>grefc.org/events/</u>
Register for events at the Welcome Center or at grefc.org/register/

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

Pastor Search Team Meeting// 5:00-7:00 pm/ Pine Room

THURSDAY

Women's Morning Bible Study// 9:00-11:00 am/ Emily Lindner's Home

SATURDAY

Elder Retreat// Deeper Life Bible Camp

EACH WEEK Visit grefc.org/events for schedules!

SUNDAYS: Adult Education - Revelation// 9:20-10:10 am/ Youth Room

SUNDAYS: Sr. High Youth Group// 6:30-8:00 pm/ Youth Room

WEDNESDAYS: MidWeek Meals Start// 5:00-5:45 pm/ Community Room

WEDNESDAYS: Kid Groups Start// 5:45-7:15 pm/ Kid Zone

WEDNESDAYS: Jr. High Youth Group Start// 5:45-7:15 pm/ Youth Room WEDNESDAYS: Adult Education - Genesis// 6:00 -7:00 pm/ Pine Room THURSDAYS Women's Bible Study Fellowship// 6:00 pm/ Room 106 THURSDAYS: Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



All retirees are invited for community, activities and prayer on the first Tuesday of every month. October's group will be on October 1st in the Community Room.

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Pray With Us For...

Family: Adam & Staci Godfrey

Missions: Ethan Panchyshyn - Campus

Outreach Mpls

Ministry: Corinn Geisler - Safety Team

LAST WEEK @ GREFC

Attendance

9:00 am 265 **10:30 am** 80

Online 12 Total 367

Giving

Last Week Actual Weekly Budget

\$14,406.06 \$9,531.35 **YTD Actual YTD Budget** \$336,054.40 \$352,659.81

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