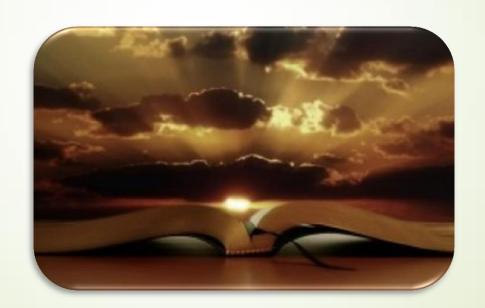
# <u>Perspective</u>



## Our image of God

Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you."

Exodus 3:11-13

#### Remembering our story From slave to freedom

#### Exodus 15

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

"I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

2 "The LORD is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
3 The LORD is a warrior;

the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup> Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup> The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

## Heb 11:25-26: Bigger picture

Through the New Testament lens "we see that Moses chose to be "ill-treated" along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

## Why so hard?

- Trying to create our own rivers?
- Numbness (overwhelmed)
- Manna for a day
- Lack of self-awareness and self-worth
- Distrust (Exodus 14:14) I will fight for you...
- Fears
- Impatience (40 years in the dessert)

#### Faith: Growing in knowing

- Think
- Trust
- Transparency
- → Time

Hebrews 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."







### Moses on the river

- What is your greatest fear?
- How can we be fully present?
- What should you let go on the river?