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## 8 May 2022 | Freedom to serve God

“I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt.”

– Exodus 6:7 NLT

### **Making a start**

Share a time when you were trapped or felt restricted and could not get yourself free. E.g. when a child gets their head stuck. How were you freed?

### **Keeping it real**

At the time of the events of Exodus 1:8, the Pharaoh of Egypt had achieved god-like status. He enslaved, oppressed and treated the Israelites harshly. They cried out to their God who heard them. This set the stage for a battle between two opposing kingdoms – the kingdom of the living God of Israel and the kingdom of Pharaoh. God raised up a deliverer for Israel in Moses and freed His people with many miraculous acts. “God delivers His people because He is committed to the promises He made to Abraham to reverse the impact of sin and its consequences. What is being set in motion is nothing less than God making good on His covenant with Abraham, and is a major step forward in His plan for the salvation of all nations”<sup>1</sup>. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus our deliverer, a mighty victory over the enslavement to and oppression of sin has been gained for humanity.

### **Living it out**

Read Exodus 3-4:17.

1. How does God identify Himself in Exodus 3:6? Why might this be significant?
2. Moses disqualifies himself on so many levels when God sends him to Pharaoh. Can you relate to Moses’ feelings of not having what it takes? How does God respond to Moses’ anxieties each time? What can we learn from this?
3. Given the revelation of God’s name in Exodus 3:14, what is the significance of Jesus’ claims about himself in John 8:48-59?

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<sup>1</sup> Billington A. 2019. *Freedom to serve God*. InterVarsity Press: London.

4. Pause for a moment to think about those things that make you feel enslaved or trapped. Think about your frontlines. Ask the Lord to show you areas where the people in your frontline feel trapped or in bondage.

### **Prayer**

- Pray for one another to walk in the freedom established by Jesus' death and resurrection
- Pray that, on our frontlines, we would point people to Jesus, the ultimate Deliverer.