



THE BOOK OF EXODUS

week two
Providence

V A GOD WHO IS WORKING

BEFORE YOU KNEW
THERE WAS A GOD

Thomas Jefferson believed in a philosophy called Deism which denies the interference of the Creator with the laws of nature. In other words, God wound time up like a clock and then stepped away as the gears were left to turn on their own.

The Bible on the other hand teaches something called Providence. Namely, that God is conceived as the power sustaining and guiding human destiny. Perhaps no other story illustrates this more powerfully than the one found in Exodus 2.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

God was faithfully working to raise up the deliverer before the children of Israel even cried out. Even when we don't see God working, we know by faith that He is. It's because of this that we are able to live our lives by faith knowing that as we engage in His Divine plan, everything isn't falling apart, it's falling into place.

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Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS

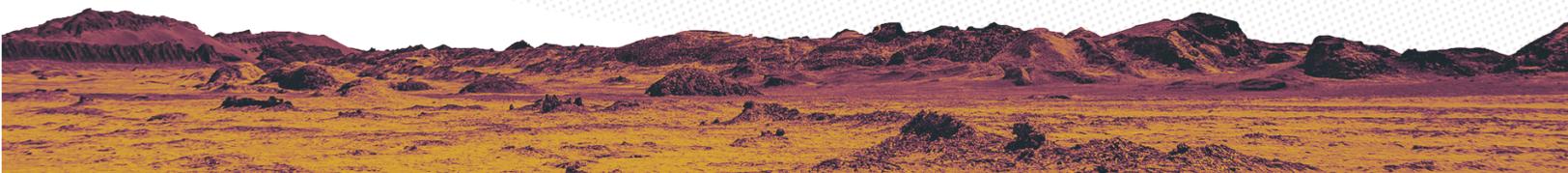
pray (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and consider a time when God was faithfully working in your life even when it seemed like He wasn't. In your time of prayer, give special consideration to worshipping Him for His faithfulness. things.

reflect (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. God is always at work, even when we don't see it. **Describe a time when you thought God wasn't working when He actually was. How has this matured your faith in God?**




BIBLICAL KEY

Studying the Bible is key to your spiritual growth, your spiritual maturity and your spiritual effectiveness. **1 Peter 2:2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

For the person who trusts God there's no such thing as coincidence.

2. Providence expects us to engage. In other words, while we know God is always at work, that doesn't mean that we sit back and do nothing. No, in fact, Providence and faith work beautifully together to produce God's will.

Name three other instances in the Bible where God was providentially working and people were walking by faith. How can these examples encourage you?

3. We know that Providence will always come through for those are walking by faith in God. Sunday's study mentioned two specific results of that: freedom from fear and freedom from worry.

In what other ways does knowing that God is in control impact your life?

“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.”

Hebrews 11:23

Things aren't falling apart, they are falling in place.

Derek Neider

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Phillippians 4:6-7



reach

Considering what God revealed to you this week, identify an area that you need to take a step of faith and join God in what He is doing.

Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God used you to show His grace to a person in need.

