

Sermon Series: God Makes a Way

When God's People Suffer | Exodus 1:1-2:10

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of August 2nd, 2026

OVERVIEW

Exodus begins by showing that although God's people are living under severe oppression in Egypt, God has not forgotten His promises. Pharaoh attempts to destroy Israel through slavery and the killing of Hebrew baby boys, but God quietly works through ordinary people who courageously trust Him. Through the preservation of Moses, God begins preparing the deliverer who will eventually rescue His people.

OHANA TIME!

 **Icebreaker:** What was one highlight of your summer? **Or** Who is someone whose quiet faithfulness has had a significant impact on your life?

 **Activity:** Invite someone new to your group!

PRAYER

Pray: "Lord, thank You that You are always working, even when we cannot see it. Give us the courage to fear You above all others, the faith to trust Your timing, and the willingness to be faithful. Use us as instruments of Your purposes, just as You used the faithful people in Exodus. In Jesus' name, Amen."

BIBLE: READ EXODUS 1:1-2:10

1. What repeated words or themes stand out in verses 1–7? How has God blessed Israel?
2. Why was Pharaoh afraid of the Israelites? What different methods did Pharaoh try to use to control or destroy God's people?
3. According to verse 12, how did the Israelites respond to oppression? What surprised Pharaoh?
4. What motivated the Hebrew midwives to disobey Pharaoh's command? What actions did they take, and what were the results?
5. What risks did Moses' mother, sister, and Pharaoh's daughter each take?
6. What details in the story suggest that God was at work even though His name is rarely mentioned?
7. How does God choose to work through ordinary people in this passage?
8. What does this passage teach us about God's character?

APPLICATION

1. Have you ever experienced a season when God seemed absent or silent? Looking back, can you now see ways He was working behind the scenes?
2. Jochebed (Moses' mother), Miriam (Moses' sister), and the midwives all served God through acts of faithfulness. What can you learn from their example, and how might you live out that same kind of faithfulness in the opportunities God gives you this week?

 **Announcement:** New Ohana Group Discussions are now available every week! New Ohana Group series begin Aug 2nd to Nov 28th (17 Weeks).