



# WEEKLY CELL GUIDE

**2 MAY 2021 | THE CALL TO COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP | EXODUS 19:3-8**

Series : Journeying With God | Speaker : Pastor Ben KC Lee

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## WELCOME

[15 MINS]

You may want to look up the following websites for icebreakers suitable for your cell.

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)

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## WORSHIP

[15 MINS]

You may select songs like

1. Purify My Heart
  2. Build My Life
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## WORD

[45 MINS]

### SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Reflect and be thankful of God's goodness in our lives,
2. Know what God requires and promises in the new covenant, and
3. Respond by embracing in faith this covenantal relationship with God.

## SERMON SUMMARY

The story of Exodus is the account of God's covenantal faithfulness to Himself and His people. Though this covenant has been replaced by a new and better covenant made through the blood of Christ, there are instructive lessons for us. God initiates a covenant relationship within the framework of grace. This is an intimate relationship that is opposite of a casual, on-off relationship. He is going to bind Himself to certain promises He would make to Israel. In return, the people were to bind themselves to certain obligations unto God. He calls us into a unique covenant relationship which is to be embraced by faith.

## SERMON RECAP

The story of Exodus is the account of God's covenantal faithfulness to Himself and His people. A covenant is a coming together. For instance, marriage is a covenant for life. Though God's covenant with us may seem bilateral, it is unilateral as God initiates the relationship and provides ALL the benefits. In this unique, covenantal relationship, we are called into His presence. Pastor Ben Lee then taught on the following key points about God's covenant as illustrated in [Exodus 19:3-8](#):

### 1. What God has done (v.4)

- What he did to the Egyptians.
- How He bore them on eagle's wings.
- Where He brought them, to Himself.

These reveal God's divine and covenantal love. He wants to bring us out to bring us in. He frees us from slavery and bondage. We can therefore live free as we head to the *Promised Land*. Pastor Ben Lee shared a personal testimony of God's protection in his growing up years in a foreign country battling loneliness and waywardness. Despite being tempted and making many mistakes along the way, God protected him and brought him to His presence. See [Colossians 1:13-14](#).

### 2. What God requires (v.5a)

- Obey Him fully
- Keep His covenant

Obedience is in response to what God has done and to His love for us. Our salvation is secured as God has saved us. We need to work out this salvation. See [Philippians 2:12](#). Pastor Ben Lee also shared about his mother's constant tender-heartedness toward God which touched him and prevented him from making serious mistakes at critical decision points. Her prayers also led him to return to the Lord! God changes our hearts when He saves us, which then leads to true and complete transformation over time.

### 3. What God promises (v.5b-6)

- You are God's special treasure. **[POSITION]**
- You are God's priests who form His kingdom. **[PURPOSE]**
- You are a holy nation for God's service exclusively. **[PRACTICE]**

We are CHOSEN by God despite our pasts. All believers are to be God's priests. Similar to what was taught in the Old Testament, we can approach God personally – God is near and close. God will provide a way out for us when we are tempted to sin. We are destined to display God's work amongst the nations. God has prepared each of us for our assignment from the beginning! See [1 Peter 2:9-12](#). In God's kingdom, even responsibilities are privileges. We are special even before we do anything. God has His purpose for us not because we are good, but He is! And He loves us despite us not being lovable or worthy. He invites us into intimacy so we can experience God's love and goodness!

#### 4. How we respond to God (v.7-8)

In summary, God initiates a covenant relationship within the framework of grace. This is an intimate relationship that is opposite of a casual, on-off relationship. He is going to bind Himself to certain promises He would make to Israel. In return, the people were to bind themselves to certain obligations unto God. He calls us into a unique covenant relationship which is to be embraced by faith.

Let us commit together: "We will do everything the LORD has said." See [Philippians 2:13](#). Even when we fail, God does not. God even takes care of our failures as we journey with Him. Pastor Ben Lee challenges us to set aside time and space to get close to God. God wants to give of Himself to you. God is still calling today! What is your response?

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **We are God's treasured possession. Reflect on what God has done in our lives and share with the cell what you are grateful to God for.** [10 Mins]
2. **Read [Exodus 19:5](#). What does God require? What does He promise? What is the nature of this covenantal relationship?** [10 Mins]
3. **In what sense are you a royal priest? How do you live as a priest? In what areas can your personal priestly function grow?** [15 Mins]



Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. **Sermon Application**
  - We always have a heart of thankfulness for what God has done by delivering us from the domain of darkness so that we have a living hope in Jesus Christ.
  - Through Jesus Christ, we have the strength to keep God's covenant and obey Him wholeheartedly.
  - In response to God, we would say yes to greater intimacy with Him and that we will love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and loving our neighbours as ourselves.
2. **COVID-19 in Singapore**
  - The COVID-19 situation in Singapore would be under control and that we would revert to having low infection in the community and dormitories.
  - Continued progress in Singapore to overcome the negative economic and social impact of the current crisis.
3. **COVID-19 in South Asia**
  - Swift end to the COVID-19 crisis in the world, especially in India and the rest of South Asia.
  - Healing and comfort for those who are sick and suffering.
  - Protection and guidance for the healthcare professionals who are at the frontline, giving them wisdom, courage and strength to confront this crisis.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[5 MINS]

1. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
2. **Season of Consecration.** As part of the call to consecrate, we are rallying every RiverLifer to read the book [Crazy Love](#) by Francis Chan in June. This is to prepare our hearts for the Special e-Gathering and sermon series based on the book in July. The call to consecrate calendar:
  - 2 - 31 May - 30 Days of Prayer & Fasting
  - 5, 12, 19 & 26 May – Consecrate Nights on Wednesdays (8.30pm to 9.30pm)
  - 1 - 30 Jun – Read and reflect on Crazy Love by Francis Chan
  - 3 July (SAT) – Special e-Gathering with Francis Chan
  - A four-part Consecrate sermon series will run on Sundays from April to August.

There is a weekly reflection guide available on our *Becoming 30* website at [rlc.sg/becoming30](http://rlc.sg/becoming30) that you can use as you journey through the 30 days of Prayer & Fasting.

3. **Water Baptism Class.** Sat, 29 May. You can register online via [rlc.sg/baptism-class](http://rlc.sg/baptism-class).
4. **AGM 2021.** This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held digitally on Sun, 20 Jun. Leadership members will be invited to attend. To help facilitate the dispatch of AGM documents, please inform us if you have changed your residential or email address.



"HONOUR GOD WITH EVERYTHING YOU OWN;  
GIVE HIM THE FIRST AND THE BEST."  
PROVERBS 3:9 (MSG)

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# Give Digitally

Here are two cashless ways to give your tithes and offering.

### 1. PayNow

Log in to your bank's existing mobile banking app.  
Scan this QR code on the right.

### 2. Interbank Transfer

RiverLife Church Bank Account:  
DBS Autosave 029-902431-0  
Bank Code: 7171  
Branch Code: 029

**SCAN ME**

