Freedom: Living in God's Promise to Restore Exodus 3 5-3-20

I. The Broken. (Exodus 3:1)

Godly brokenness cultivates:

1. Confidence in God.

1 John 5:14 – "And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

2. Valuing God's kingdom.

Matthew 6:9-10 – "Honor Your Name as holy... 'Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

3. Receiving God's approval.

Galatians 1:10 – "...If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ."

Choices can:

- ~ Remain longer than we want.
- ~ Set us back more than we thought.
- ~ Always be restored by the Lord.

Pray: "Lord convince me..."

II. The LORD. (Exodus 3:2-4)

Genesis 32:12 – "...You said, 'I will do you good..."

Pray: "Lord overwhelm me..."

III. The Place. (Exodus 3:1)

"Wilderness Experiences"- Desolate places God orchestrates for us to experience Godly brokenness and a deeper walk with Him.

- 1. Unpleasant
- 2. Uncomfortable
- 3. Unproductive
- 4. Deserted
- 5. Difficult
- 6. Disappointing
- 7. Dry

2 Corinthians 1:9 – "...(our trouble) was to make us <u>rely not on ourselves</u> but on <u>God who raises the dead</u>."

Pray: "Lord cause me to believe that You placed me here..."

IV. The Promise. (Exodus 3:5-10)

Pray: "Lord lead me to worship when my face is in the dust..."

- 1. God sees.
- 2. God hears.
- 3. God knows.
- 4. God rescues.

"Oppress" - Exercise destructive control against or over someone.

5. God sends.

John 8:58 – "Jesus said, '...I say to you, before Abraham was, I Am."

Faith Sheet

May Transformation Verse: John 8:36 - "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Weekly Transformation Verse: Psalm 6:9 – "The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer."

Weekly Reading Plan: Exodus 1-4, Psalm 31, 1 Corinthians 3

Going Deeper This Week

- 1. God got Moses' attention. How easy or difficult is it for someone to get our attention?
- The burning bush may represent us, His people. Read the following and see how we can have His Fire and Life work in and through us. (Luke 3:16 & 24:30-32)
- 3. What do think was significant about God telling Moses to remove his sandals? How does this impact us today? (Exodus 24:17, Deuteronomy 4:24, Hebrews 12:28-29)
- 4. Moses was in awe. What step of faith can you take this week to be awed by God again? (Fast, take a sabbath, retreat for a few hours, sing and pray, get with someone and praise Him, read Scripture and meditate)
- 5. Read Hebrews 11:23-28. What characteristics marked Moses' life and what challenges you or stands out to you?
- 6. Listen to Chris McClarneys's song "All Consuming Fire" and praise Him. Use Isaiah 54:17 as a Freedom prayer for yourself or others and then take communion.