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Lesson 8
Exodus 13 - 15:21 (ESV)
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The Great Crossover

Main ideas: *In Exodus we can think of Moses as the Great Emancipator whom Yahweh used to lead the children of Israel out of bondage; in the New Testament, Jesus Christ is the Great Emancipator who frees us from the bondage of sin. Moses and the Israelites crossed over the Red Sea to freedom; Christians cross over from spiritual death to eternal life.*

Exodus 13:1-2 Redemption through sacrifice
Luke 2:22-24 *Redemption through Jesus*

Exodus 13:3-10 Readiness through obedience
Luke 22:17-20 *Readiness through communion*

Exodus 13:11-16 Response through animal substitution
John 1:29 *Response through Jesus as substitution*

Exodus 13:17-22 Re-routing via cloud and fire
John 14:16-17 *Re-routing via the Holy Spirit*

Exodus 14:1-31 Remember the Red Sea crossing
1 Corinthians 10:1-4 *Remember the crossing from death to life*

“For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”

- 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (ESV)

Summary: The story told in Exodus is a picture of what happens to us in salvation. The Israelites crossed the Red Sea and were saved; today we're invited to cross from death to life through faith in Jesus Christ.

That crossing inspired Moses to write a song of praise, which is recorded in Exodus 15:1-21.

Notes:

Questions for discussion:

1. After all of the miracles that the Israelites had witnessed, they still fell into doubt. How did that happen? What does it say to us today?
2. Discuss this quote by Tony Merida in his book, *Exalting Jesus in Exodus*: “Are you a Christian? If your answer is something like ‘I’m trying,’ then you do not understand what Scripture is saying. You cannot earn [salvation] with good works or religious efforts; you simply receive salvation by grace through faith.” Agree or disagree? What Scripture might you use to support your answer?
3. Why is it important to praise the Lord with song? What if music isn't your gift?