

## Chapter 4

## Deliverance

## Day One – God’s Choice

**Today’s reading:** Pages 43-47

**This reading covers:** Exodus 1-4

**Summary:** God chooses an unwilling and unqualified leader in the person of Moses.

**Consider this:**

Because of his privileged Egyptian upbringing, Moses was not liked by the Hebrews. (Remember the response when he tried to defuse an argument between two workers: “Who made you ruler and judge over us?”) After committing murder, he was exiled from Egypt. By his own admission, he was a poor communicator. He hardly seemed a prime candidate to spearhead Israel’s deliverance. Yet God chose Moses. What does that tell you about God’s ability to know a person’s true potential? What promise did God give Moses to bolster his self-confidence? (See Exodus 3:12) Have you ever felt unwilling or unqualified to serve or follow a calling from God? What promise does God give you?

**For further reading:** 1 Samuel 16:6-13; Isaiah 41:10-13; Acts 4:8-13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-12

**Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, show me what you want me to do for your kingdom. Help me overcome my self-doubt. Give me confidence, knowing that you will be with me every step of the way. In Jesus’ name, I pray, Amen.

## Day Two – God’s Deliverance

**Today’s reading:** From the bottom of page 47-through the break on page 55

**This reading covers:** Exodus 5-14

**Summary:** God’s deliverance shows his authority over all things and all people.

**Consider this:**

Why did so much suffering take place before the Israelites were allowed to leave Egypt? Doesn’t it seem unfathomable that with all the miracles Pharaoh witnessed, he still would not concede to God’s authority? Have there been times when you’ve doubted God’s authority or questioned why certain things happen? How does this story affirm your belief that God is totally in charge?

**For further reading:** Isaiah 55:8-11; Romans 8:28; Psalm 111

**Prayer:** Sovereign God, thank you for being in charge of my life. Amen.

Day Three – God’s Provision

**Today’s reading:** Page 55 through end of chapter

**This reading covers:** Exodus 15-17

**Summary:** God meets our needs daily to keep us close to him.

**Consider this:**

It seems as if the Israelites constantly worried about their future, doubting God would provide. Is that something you have trouble with as well? Each day the people gathered only enough manna for that day (except on the sixth day). What lesson was God trying to instill by not allowing them to stockpile? Think of your essential needs. Think of how God graciously provides them.

**For further reading:** Matthew 6:25-34

**Prayer:**

Lord, thank you so much for providing everything I need here on earth. Help me never to take these gifts for granted or to worry about how you will supply them. Help me put my full trust in you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.