

# The God Who Patiently Persists, Feb. 5 -8, 2026

## WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face *anything* through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth and 2. Stronger "iron sharpening iron" relationships

**Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)**

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## Check-in on logistics of Bible Recap

How it is going so far... struggles... suggestions... tips for other people...

### ***IMPORTANT:*** Where we've been... where we're going

- ➔ Focus on what we CAN know from scripture to prevent extrapolating or projecting.
- ➔ Scripture is descriptive not prescriptive; reporting what happened not what should happen.
- ➔ Everything is about "His-Story" leading to Messiah. That is THE context of all.
- ➔ "His-Story" in Genesis is as much about Unseen HR as Seen ER – Divine Council in Job, 3 Rebellions in Genesis 1-11, Delegation of supernatural oversight Deuteronomy 32:8-9 and Psalm 82, God creates a new nation through Abraham to implement His plan for Messiah

## CONTEXT – "His-Story" is much more in the Unseen HR than Seen ER but for our benefit.

**2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (ESV)** <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**2 Corinthians 5:6–7 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight.

## PRIORITY – look for the ways God moves "His-Story" forward

**Hebrews 3:5–6 (ESV)** <sup>5</sup>Now **Moses** was **faithful** in all God's house as a **servant**, to **testify** to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but **Christ** is **faithful** over God's house **as a son**. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

## Daily Reading Chapters Discussion - Scan the chapters – what insights and questions do you have?

### † Exodus 1 – 2:10, God moves to action

- ➔ "His-Story" continues after 400 years of God growing a nation of His own
- ➔ God chooses a leader, miraculously protects and prepares

### † Exodus 2:16 – 4:31, Moses' assignment, development, recall, reassignment

- ➔ Moses' arrogant blunder - Exodus 2:11-15
- ➔ Moses content in obscurity - Exodus 2:17-21
- ➔ Israel enslaved, groans and cries out to God – Exodus 2:1-25

- ➔ God initiates invitation to relationship and partnership - Exodus 3:1–12

*God's call to partnership is a privilege, but also a higher responsibility to SLO in deep alignment that requires the very best of us... that sets us apart for God's purposes, eliminating things that others can do*

- ◆ Moses intimidated - intimately acquainted with supernatural false gods and battles thru palace life
- ◆ Moses insecure, ashamed, overwhelmed b/c looking at self instead of God
- ◆ God resources Moses with all He needs, especially *"I will be with you."*
- ◆ God brings Aaron alongside Moses – created for relationship

- ➔ Unexpected Discipline by God - Exodus 4:24-31
  - We don't know everything about this but God gives us what we need to know
  - ◆ strange to us is not strange to God
  - ◆ it is essential to obey completely because it is about God not us
  - ◆ disobedience is deadly serious when it involves our covenant relationship with God
  - ◆ God gives us the instructions we need even if we don't understand them – Zipporah

† Exodus 5 - 6, Israelites' plight gets worse, but God promises deliverance

† Exodus 7 - 12:42, God defeats HR and ER powers to deliver Israel

- ➔ God through Moses won victories Seen and Unseen, but it was *always, always God* as Moses simply Surrendered, Listened and Obeyed
- ➔ The ten plagues – direct defeat of rebellious elohim
  - The plagues were devastating, destroying defeat of Unseen rulers manifested in the Seen
  - 1 Blood/ 2 Frogs/ 3 Gnats/ 4 Flies/ 5 Livestock/ 6 Boils/ 7 Hail/ 8 Locust/ 9 Darkness/ 10 Death of firstborn

† Exodus 12:43 - 13:22, Passover and Presence

- ➔ Passover was prophetic foreshadowing of Messiah, practiced until Jesus Who was the Passover Lamb
- ➔ God's Presence in pillars of cloud and fire

† Exodus 14 - Final victory over rebellious elohim and pagan leaders of Egypt

- ➔ ensuing challenges (Red Sea, needs and provisions, etc.) came so that Israelites could experience God as BIGGER in preparation for the ways they would need to partner with Him as BIGGER

† Exodus 15:1-21, Praise – Moses' song and Miriam's refrain

† Exodus 15:22 - 17, Praise and Provision

- ➔ Bitter water made sweet
- ➔ Bread from Heaven, manna
- ➔ Water from rock

† Exodus 18 - Practical leadership coaching – God through people

- ➔ God could have given this instruction directly, but instead it came through Jethro

† Exodus 19 - 21, God meets Israel on Mt. Sinai

Chronological Guide: pages 11- 13

Takeaways: