



Title : **THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD**

Date: September 5, 2021

**WORSHIP:** Sing one or two songs (either from You Tube, or someone leading worship). If you're in a public place, café or on video messaging, three to four people can share testimonies of answered prayers.  
**Q:** What are you thankful to God about this past week?

**Main Text: Exodus 3:16-21**  
*Key Verses: "Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.' But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed.*  
**Quote: "You cannot save yourself from sin; only Jesus can."**

**Leader's Notes:**

1. Start and end on time.
2. Facilitate discussions.
3. Give all attendees opportunities to share. Encourage participation.
4. Remind everyone that whatever shared in the group will be kept within the group.
5. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit if there's someone who you can lead to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and be born again.

**WORK: The Challenge & Closing prayer**  
**Q:** How can we pray for you today?  
**Q:** Who among your loved ones or friends you think need an encounter with Jesus today? Can you list at least five names?  
 Please take time in your smaller groups to pray for one another as well as pray for the names of people on your list. If there are specific needs, take time to lift them up to God in prayer as well.

**WELCOME:**  
**Intro:** Slavery is a problem governments all over the world are trying to eliminate. We maybe enjoying some sort of freedom yet people still can be in a form of slavery in a spiritual sense. If we are living in sin, then we are a slave to sin. In John 8:34 Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin." A slave obeys his master because he belongs to him and they have no will of their own. They are literally in bondage to their masters. When sin is our master, we are unable to resist it.  
**Ice Breaker: Are you the type of person who finds difficulty in "letting go?" (Ex. your past, old stuff, habits, bad relationships, etc.)**

**WORD & Discussion Questions:**  
 God said to Moses to tell Pharaoh, "The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God." 19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him." (Exodus 3:19)  
**1. The hand of God is mighty to free us from our enemies (v.19a)**  
 Escaping is not easy for our enemy is at hand. The devil (I Peter 5:6-9) he is like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. He is out to destroy us and our family (John 10:10). He is out to steal from us, our joy and peace, etc.  
 James 4:7-8 says, "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."  
 We can only face our enemy (the devil) and win over him not on our own abilities but on our submission to God and draw ourselves near to Him on a regular basis.  
 In life, we wage battles within on a regular basis. We struggle with our sinful nature that craves to fulfill the desires of our flesh. The Bible says, "No one is righteous (Romans 3:23), and this will result in death. (Romans 6:23). Only when we submit to the mighty hand of God we can overcome the devil!  
**Q: How do you cope with struggles and temptations you go through on a regular basis?**  
**2. The hand of God is mighty to take us out of our misery (Romans 7:24-25, Exodus 3:17)**  
 Misery - a state or feeling of great distress or discomfort of mind or body. The Israelites were in a miserable state suffering in the hands of their Egyptian slave masters, but God heard their cry. (Exodus 3:17). Paul was miserable because he struggled with sin. (Romans 7:24). Sin advertises happiness, pleasure, and comfort but in the end, delivers death. We should not be deceived that we can fix ourselves, our family, our addictions, our lust, our struggles. Etc. We cannot bring ourselves to get out of those things on our own strength, and that is why we need Christ's deliverance. Jesus is the only one who is able. (Romans 7:25) He is the only one who can save and deliver us from our sinful state.  
**Q: In what area of your life did you receive spiritual freedom from the work of the enemy (ex. Addiction, smoking, lust, depression, etc.)?**  
**Conclusion:** The mighty hand of God will not let us leave empty-handed! The enemy is a thief for he robbed us of our hope, peace, joy when we were slaves to sin. But in our deliverance, the Lord will restore everything give us His gift of eternal life. So, decide for yourself! What should we do?  
 •Accept the fact that we are a sinner  
 •Repent from our sins  
 •Receive the Lord Jesus in our hearts as our Lord and Saviour  
Do not wait for tomorrow or next week but do it today! Today is the day of salvation! (2Cor. 6:2)