

Able To Save Completely

FCC Life Group Discussion Notes

Based on the "God Is Able" Series of Matthew Rogers

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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being **able to save completely**. Open our hearts to Your Word tonight. Help us see where we've trusted ourselves instead of You, and give us courage to share Your freedom with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

If you could invent one piece of technology to "fix" something in your life (like Prometheus giving fire), what would it be and why? How does this reveal our human tendency to rely on ourselves instead of God?

Key Scripture

Hebrews 7:25 (CSB) – (Ask a group member to read aloud.) *Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.*

Sermon Summary

The sermon contrasts the Greek myth of Prometheus—giving humans "blind hope" and technology to believe there are no limits—with the Bible's truth: we are slaves to sin, unable to free ourselves. Israel's 400-year bondage in Egypt and miraculous Red Sea deliverance show God alone saves. This pictures our spiritual slavery and Jesus' rescue through baptism (Romans 6). Believers pass from death to life, bondage to freedom. The Gospel must be shared urgently because **God is able** to save completely and do immeasurably more (Ephesians 3:20).

Discussion Point 1: Humanity's Illusion vs. Slavery to Sin

Scripture: John 8:34, 36 (CSB) – (Ask a group member to read aloud.) *"Truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin... So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free."*

Point Summary: Prometheus removed death's certainty and gave fire, creating a myth that humans control their destiny. Today's culture echoes this: "Sky's the limit." But Scripture says we're enslaved to sin—unable to change our spiritual identity alone.

Discussion Questions:

1. Where do you see the "Promethean myth" (self-reliance, no limits) in culture or your own thinking?
2. Why does admitting we're "slaves to sin" feel heavy at first, but lead to true hope?

Discussion Point 2: Israel's Red Sea—God's Power to Deliver

Scripture: Exodus 14:21-22 (CSB) – (Ask a group member to read aloud.) *Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back... and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground.*

Point Summary: Israel groaned in slavery with no hope. God cornered them at the Red Sea—not to trap them, but to display His glory. He parted the waters: slaves on one side, free on the other. Salvation came from God alone.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did God lead Israel to an impossible spot? How has He used “cornered” moments in your life?
2. From “look down, you’re a slave” to praising God—what shifted for Israel? Share a similar turnaround.

Discussion Point 3: Our Story—Baptism into Freedom

Scripture: Romans 6:3-7 (CSB) – (Ask a group member to read aloud.) *We were buried with him by baptism into death... so we too may walk in newness of life... no longer enslaved to sin.*

Point Summary: Jesus proclaimed freedom for spiritual captives. Paul ties Israel’s crossing to baptism: we die to sin, rise with Christ—free from sin’s power, addictions, and consequences. All believers share this “passing through the waters” into a new community.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does baptism picture going from slave to free? What does “freedom in Christ” look like practically for you?
2. We’re diverse in jobs but united in this Red Sea experience. How does that encourage you?

Wrap-Up

We’re not self-made; we’re God-saved. From Egypt’s bricks to sin’s chains, He parts the impossible. **Hebrews 7:25** reminds us Jesus lives to intercede—He’s **able to save completely**. Let’s live free and invite others to cross over.

Challenge

Grab a **Prayer Journey guide** (pub table or doors). This week, pray at each stop for specific unbelieving friends still “doing life on their own.” Ask God to corner them with love and open a door for you to share Jesus. On **Commitment Sunday (Nov 9)**, prayerfully fill your card and walk the Chinworth Bridge replica as an act of faith—sacrificing so our community sees God save completely!

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank You for parting our Red Sea in Jesus. Free us daily from sin’s grip. Give us boldness to tell others You’re **able to save completely**. Prepare hearts on our Prayer Journey and multiply our commitments for Your glory. Amen.