



Tuesday Devotion: Exodus Week 18 July 30, 2020

Exodus 40

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In the closing chapter of Exodus, Moses prepares the tabernacle. He goes around anointing everything and putting it in the right place. We don't really talk about anointing these days. We see anointing in Scripture when David and others are marked for leadership roles, but what does anointing look like today?

Monday brought a crazy amount of emotions. On Sunday we were geared up to reopen, but then shot down and forced to regroup after the new county recommendations. My heart was broken. I had a plan in place; I didn't want to have to figure out what to do next again. Trust me, your leaders are working hard to prepare the tabernacle for your return, but in the meantime, let's look at this final section of Exodus.

What does it look like to put oil on everything today? In our context it might be more like sanitizer, rather than oil, as we prepare for the opening of the tabernacle. Maybe it includes setting up cords and signs to keep people 6 feet away. While at first glance this chapter can feel disconnected from the reality we are facing since we don't use oil like that anymore, it only takes a matter of minutes to find the connection to our current context. This is what I love about Scripture—it is still living today! I can relate to Moses needing to make sure everything was just right before he could open the tabernacle, and it gives me a little more peace knowing his first plan might have needed a few adjustments too.

The final part of this chapter talks about the glory of the Lord settling on the tabernacle. My dad and I spent a good amount of time looking at this passage and talking about the glory of the Lord. I would tell you that most theologians today agree that the glory of the Lord mentioned here is talking about Jesus. What did Jesus look like at the time of Moses? Not sure, but I know what comes with Jesus—peace, hope, and joy. For me this is an encouragement to pray for the glory of the Lord to settle on our church building, and also on your homes as you continue to worship in your homes. I want you to know from the bottom of my heart, that while we can't worship together just yet, I am praying faithfully that the glory of the Lord settles on your lives. I am praying that you feel the peace, hope, and joy of Jesus. He has not left us. You can be assured that God's Word is faithful and will give us that glory no matter our location or context.

Next week we will continue following Moses and the children of Israel as they navigate the wilderness in the book of Numbers. And we will continue to pray that the glory of the Lord settles on the extraordinary servants of Mt. Calvary as we too navigate the wilderness.

God's Peace,
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