



GOD'S PURSUIT OF MAN

Exodus 19

SUMMARY

In Exodus 19, God invited Israel into relationship—but they trembled in fear. Instead of finding freedom in his love, they became subject to the demands of the law. Through the Scriptures, we see the tragic results of trying to live under the law—culminating in Hezekiah, who shows both the heights and the futility of life under the law. In Christ, we are set free from the law. Through his Spirit, we are able to approach the Father with a full heart and without fear. Even so, we must consider where we are submitting to the law instead of living in the fullness of the Father's love.

KEY POINTS

- You can't be in a relationship without taking risk.
- Our Father never holds back. He always gives us everything he has. It's up to us whether we want to embrace it.
- After the fall, we no longer had the capacity not to sin. But once we meet Christ, we have the capacity not to sin.
- God cares deeply about holiness and how we approach him. He cares most of all about our heart.
- Hezekiah shows the futility of the law. In Christ, we are set free from the law and able to become a new creation.

KEY VERSES

“On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ... And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the Lord to look and many of them perish.’”

EXODUS 19:16, 21

“For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.”

ROMANS 8:2-3

GROUP DISCUSSION

Start by catching up with one another. Then, discuss the message and the Scripture. Finally, seek the Spirit to start moving truth into your life.

CONNECT

1. What has God been teaching you this week?
2. What can we celebrate and help carry from this past week? Where did you see victory? What burdens are you bringing in?

DISCUSS

1. Relationship requires risk. Talk about a time when God asked you to take a risk for him.
 - What did you learn through the process?
 - How did this grow your love for Jesus?
2. Where in your life do you find the law rearing its head and pulling you away from freedom?
 - How is this affecting your joy and fruitfulness in Christ?

SEEK

- Thank Jesus that you have been made a new creation. Confess the ways that you still struggle with submitting to the law. Ask him to expand your freedom, joy, and fruitfulness in his grace and by his Spirit.

APPLY

Whenever you face a spiritual struggle this week, resist leaning back on the law for security. Ask Jesus to show you the power of walking in the new way of the Spirit.