

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD WK 1 // THE BLOOD SAVES

Intro //

- Hey Faith Students! Tonight we are jumping into a two part series on something that we hear about a lot in church but sometimes we don't actually understand the power of it...
 - We sing songs about it in our worship songs, it's talked about in old hymns, this word or phrase is talked about over 700 times throughout the Bible in multiple contextual ways. Blood. Something that can seem so gross is actually one of the main focal points of what we believe as followers of Jesus. That Jesus shed His blood for us. So we will talk about the blood of Jesus and the power we receive through it.

BACKGROUND //

- Israel (God's people) was in bondage and in slavery for 430 years by Egypt (a non God fearing nation).
- God holds His promise to deliver His people by sending forth a messenger that will help lead them out of Egypt named Moses.
- Moses goes to the Pharaoh (the ruler) to tell him God says to let his people go.
- Pharaoh refuses so God unleashes numerous plagues of blood water, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock, boils, hail, locust darkness (which if you study the gods that the Egyptians worshiped every plague this was a direct display of God showing his power over any other idol or god!)
- Then comes this last plague and final blow to the Egyptians...

SCRIPTURE // **Exodus 12:1-13**

- The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb[a] for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.
- 12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

PRAY

TRANSITION //

- All throughout scripture there is something about blood. There is something about throughout the whole bible, something dying in order for something else to live. We see it even in the Old Testament with the sacrifices they had to bring before God. This story is a direct symbol of what Jesus did for us hundreds of years after this story. The greatest display of love ever. So for us to understand the significance we have to understand:

1) THE POWER OF SIN //

- SCRIPTURE

- Throughout this passage, this nation of Egypt not only went against God for hundreds of years and did horrible things but for 430 years they held God's people in captivity and treated them harshly.
- How did this get so bad? Why this division? Why this hostility? Why this hatred? Why this hate and ignorance toward God that idols and other gods be introduced? Why? This mindset of people oppressing others? Because of the power of sin.

- BREAKDOWN //

- **What is Sin?** Sin comes from the Hebrew word Khata. Khata means simply to fail or to miss the mark. Sin is when we fail or miss the mark of what God intended for us and His creation. It's when we choose our way instead of God's.
 - From Genesis God's plan and purpose for all mankind is to love God with all our hearts and love each other with a Godly love. God even shows us what that looks like practically through the 10 Commandments.
 - Since God is Light, Life, and Good, sin is when we fail to live in His perfect light, life, and goodness. And the opposite of those things would be darkness, death, and bad. That is what sin brings into the world.
- **Sin is so Powerful that:**
 1. Sin came into God's perfect world through one person
 - Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
 2. Sin has plagued us all
 - Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
 3. Sin gives a foothold to the devil
 - Ephesians 4:26-27 - "In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."
 4. Sin separates us from God
 - Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.
 5. Sin brings ultimately death

- Romans 6:23 - For the wages (or payment) of sin is death

- APPLICATION //

- The truth is the effects of sin are so powerful that they can still be seen throughout our world today...
 - Examples of personal sin (bullying, killing, self hatred, depression, anxiety, lust, coveting what others have, etc.)
 - Examples of overarching sin (greed, slavery, genocide, gender confusion, school shootings, broken families, etc.)
 - Sin for us is just like the Egyptians to the Israelites, it keeps us in bondage and enslaves us.
 - If you follow the wire to all of our problems and the world's issues it all comes back to sin, and all sin leads ultimately to death...
- Just like in this story no one can save themselves from this death that is coming, it didn't matter how wealthy or poor you were, it didn't matter how good of a person you thought you were, it didn't matter if you were old or young, death doesn't discriminate and death is coming to knock on every door.
- But there is only one thing that is more powerful...

2) THE POWER OF THE BLOOD //

- SCRIPTURE //

- We also see in this passage that there is only one thing that will separate those who receive death and those who don't... the blood.
- This blood that is smeared on the doorframe is the only marking of those who are saved from the effects and sting of death.

- BREAKDOWN //

- There is something about the blood that we see all throughout scripture.
 - Especially in Leviticus, we see there were multiple sacrifices that had to be made constantly as a temporary payment for sin.
 - The people of God had to do this in order to be in relationship with God and for the sting of sin to stay off their doorstep but even with these, sin still ran rampant.
 - They needed something stronger than their temporary fixes.
 - God knew there was only one who can take on the fullness of sin, the full wrath and judgment of God. Jesus.
 - Jesus came and shed His blood for the sins of the world.

- **The Blood is so Powerful that:**

1. The blood came to save a broken world through one person (why we don't have to do sacrifices anymore)
 - Romans 5:15 - if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!
2. The blood Gives all access to God and eternal life
 - Romans 10:13-15 - Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

3. The blood seals and protects us from the attacks of the devil
 - 1 John 4:4 - But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.
4. The blood brings us in right relationship with God
 - John 1:12-13 - to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
5. The blood ultimately brings life
 - John 3:16 - "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
 - 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 - "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

ILLUSTRATION // You can use an old door or even a big board, something that represents a door. Write a bunch of sin on the door. With red paint, cover all the words to show how God covers every sin through his blood shed on the cross.

ALTARS OPTIONS //

1. You can have students with a sharpie write sins, brokenness, prayer request on the board or door.
2. You can take time to worship and thank God for the blood.
3. Group Time