



## Sermon Notes from 3 March

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### Drawn Out (*Exodus 2:1-10*)

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**God rescues us by drawing us out of our old ways into His new ways** – out from spiritual slavery into spiritual freedom. In Hebrew, the name ‘Moses’ sounds like ‘draw out’. Moses was God’s chosen deliverer. Our only hope in life is for God to draw us out of our old ways.

#### 3 Contrasts Between The New and Old Ways:

##### 1) Life vs. Death (v1-2)

Every child bears the image of God and his or her life must be preserved. Each life has dignity and **must** be valued. **A culture of death is one that demands a quick end to any kind of suffering, but a culture of life is one that endures needed suffering for good.**

Rom. 8:15 – **Just as we have been spiritually adopted into God’s family that we may live, God calls His people to sacrificially adopt needy children into our families that they too may live.** Promote a culture of life through selfless sacrifice. Reject the prevailing culture of death for one’s selfish gains!

##### 2) Faith vs. Fear (v3-9)

God commends things done for His children by faith in Him. Ultimately, it is what God thinks of you that matters (Heb. 11:23). God builds your faith by introducing you to your fears. When you let your fears rule your life, you imagine the worst and let them dominate your attitudes and actions. God desires to rescue you from a life of fear into a life of faith in Him. When you watch in faith, you start to see God’s providence at work (v5-6). When you are ruled by faith, God will give you the boldness and

wisdom to do the right things (v7).

Faith leads us to action that we would never have done if we were ruled by fear. God will bless what we do by faith (v9).

God is bigger than your worst fear! He is faithful and powerful to rescue you.

**It is faith, not fear, that brings you to your final destination that God intends for you.**

##### 3) Grace-dependent vs. Self-dependent (v10)

There is no salvation for the self-dependent. Only God’s grace can save mankind.

Exo. 2:3 – The word ‘basket’ in Hebrew means *tebah*. It is a term that is used only one other time in the Bible – to describe Noah’s ark. Moses, just like Noah, is safe in the ark, floating above the judgement waters by the grace of God. It is God’s grace that delivers us. He draws us out from hell-bound self-dependence to become His people forever dependent on His amazing grace.

Jesus often made contrast between an evil person and a righteous one (Mt. 7:11, Lk. 18:6-7). **If the daughter of an evil king would show compassion and risk her life to save a baby from her father’s unrighteous wrath, how much more would the Son of the holy God show compassion and lose his life to save his chosen people from his Father’s righteous wrath?** It was on the cross that God’s righteous wrath we deserve was satisfied. Throw yourself, by faith, into the arms of the one who has given you life – our Lord Jesus Christ.