

Not Alone: God's Relentless Pursuit

Weekly Devotionals | May 3

Introduction

As our church walks through the Old Testament together, noticing how God did not leave His people alone then—and does not leave us alone now—we invite you to spend time digging a little deeper. Each week during this series we will provide Old Testament passages that connect to the focus of the past Sunday's message and allow you to explore the people, places, and events further.

As you read these passages, you will be guided to reflect on four aspects of the text, using the acronym L.I.F.E.

- L:** Literal – What is actually happening in the text? Who are the people? Where are the places? Who is doing what to whom and why?
- I:** Incarnational – How does this text point to Jesus? Where do we see our need for Him, a promise of His coming, or a symbol (“type”) of His role or function?
- F:** Formational – What does this text call us to do? Is there a command to obey? A principle to apply? A way of responding to God?
- E:** Eternal – How do these passages point us to our ultimate future reality? How does this text gain significance and meaning in light of “the end of the story” that was unknown to the readers at the time, but that we've been given a glimpse of?

Reading: God Rescues His People

Here's the reading for this week. If you read five days this week, you will need to average just under 3 ½ chapters a day. Or experience them during three “sessions” and read all the chapters listed next to each section at once. They are designed to be grouped together as listed.

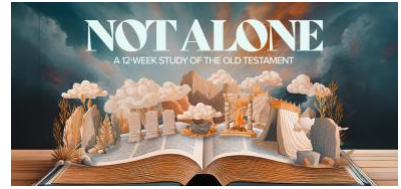
Exodus 1–5: God Sees His People and Selects a Rescuer

Exodus 6–10: God Demonstrates His Power

Exodus 11–14, 16, 20: God Delivers His People and Gives Them His Commands

As you read, look for examples of answer to any of the L.I.F.E questions and make note of them in this guide or in your Bible.

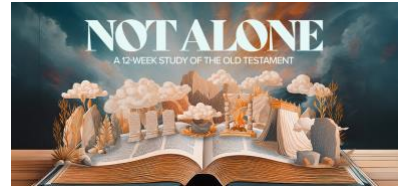
You may wish to consult this map of the area described in these chapters: [Map of Ancient Egypt](#).



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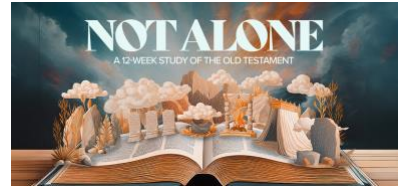
As you complete your reading for this week, look back on the reading as a whole and reflect on the following questions.

- **Literal:** Although some of these stories are familiar to many people, were there any events, interactions, conversations or characters that were new to you? Or that you understood in a different way? Why did that stand out to you?

- **Incarnational:** The Passover is a clearly “incarnational” event. A lamb is killed so that death does not come to God’s people. How can we reflect on the life and death of Jesus in light of this Passover story? Were there other elements in this week’s reading that point to Jesus?

- **Formational:** In these chapters, God rescues His people and reveals Himself to them by displaying His providence (in protecting and raising up Moses), His power (through the plagues and the parting of the Red Sea), and His will (through the 10 Commandments). As God reveals Himself to the Hebrews, what kind of people does He call them to be? What can you learn from these chapters about the kind of person He is calling *you* to be?

- **Eternal:** How do these chapters give us a foretaste of the eternal relationship God calls us to in the new heaven and new earth? How do the events in Exodus model imperfectly what God will one day make perfect? How do they give us hope while we wait for that day?



L.I.F.E. Insight

Prayerfully consider one thing that stood out to you from this week's reading. Why might God be calling your attention to it? How is He inviting you to respond? Consider praying what you've noticed in the space below.