

REMINDERS ABOUT GOD'S DELIVERANCE

Escape Through Leaving
12/5/20

- * Topic -- Reminders About God's Deliverance
- * History of this presentation
 - The first time -- sermon on 7/25/98
 - In 2008 -- 2 separate sermons -- (April and July)
 - In 2009 -- I gave a 5-part Bible study series
 - Between 2000 & 2017 -- presented to 30 congregations
- * 1 Corinthians 10:13 -- God is faithful
 - not tempted above what you are able
 - will make a WAY OF ESCAPE
 - that you may be able to bear it
- * 5 Specific Methods of Deliverance
 - 1. Escape Through Dramatic Miracle
 - 2. Escape Through Death
 - 3. Escape Through Hiding
 - 4. Escape Through Leaving

*Let us begin -- Characteristics of mature people

* Plan their Lives	* Make Commitments
* Display Patience	* Not Quitters

*Bible students realize that the Bible shows a few examples of people leaving a bad situation -- even leaving quickly

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1 Cor. 7:21 a time to leave slavery

James Moffatt Translation: "Everyone must remain in the condition of life where he was called. You were a slave when you were called? Never mind. Of course, if you do find it possible to get free, you had better avail yourself of the opportunity."

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- 1. Leaving a Country
 - Is there ever a time to leave a country?
 - In times of freedom, it may be a choice
 - In times of trouble, it may be an escape
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| Gen. 12:1-5 | God instructed -- Abram, Sarai and Lot |
| Gen. 13:5-12 | Abram and Lot separated |
| Gen. 19:15-22 | "escape for your life" -- "hasten your escape" |
| Exod. 12:33-39 | urgent -- to get them out in haste |

Matt. 2:12-15 Joseph & family temporarily left their country
Matt. 24:15-18 abomination of desolation -- flee

2. Leaving a Job

Is there ever a time to leave a job?

- * For the record -- My personal worldview is only from living in a Constitutional Republic (the United States) -- I have not lived in a Communist or Marxist system
 - * Generally -- A person doesn't leave a job unless he has other possibilities on the horizon
 - * Often -- More difficult in a pandemic, recession or depression
 - * For the record -- Developing various practical skills can help a person find a job in those situations
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3. Leaving a Church Organization

Is there ever a time for a person to leave a church organization?

- * Remember -- Leaving a church organization is not the same as leaving God
- * Remember -- Leaving a church organization is not the same as leaving the Spiritual Body of Christ
- * You are the temple of God -- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 & 12:12-14 -- Ephesians 2:19-22 -- 1 Peter 2:4-5

Rom. 16:17-18 avoid -- division & offenses -- doctrine
1 Cor. 5:9-11 do not keep company with certain behavior
2 Thes. 3:6 withdraw from a disorderly situation
1 Tim. 6:3-5 withdraw from an unhealthy situation
2 Tim. 4:14-15 beware of harmful people
Acts 15:36-40 temporarily preached separately

4. Leaving a Marriage

Is there ever a time for a person to leave a marriage?

This commitment is special

Leaving should be considered an exception

Gen. 2:23-24 goal -- one flesh
Eph. 5:22-33 mystery -- Christ and the church
Matt. 5:27-32 Christ -- exception clause
Matt. 19:3-9 Christ -- exception clause
1 Cor. 7:6-15 Paul -- 3 categories
6-9 Paul's recommendation -- ("by permission and not

of commandment") -- remain single
10-11 to the married -- Lord's commandment
12-15 to the rest -- Paul's perspective -- (speak I,
not the Lord) -- married to someone who is
not pleased to dwell with them -- a time
to leave a marriage