



# Dependent Love

May 9/10

## Exodus 2:1-10



### OBSERVE & REFLECT

*(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon)*

#### READ Exodus 2:1-10

- ▢ Read the text a couple times. Try reading the text from different translations.
- ▢ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are. What is God saying to you through His Word?
- ▢ Reflect on the sermon from the weekend regarding this passage. What aspects or truths from the sermon left an impression on you and why? What would it look like for you to live for Jesus in 2015?

### INVESTIGATE & APPLY

*(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the scripture)*

- ▢ What pictures come to mind when you think about being dependent on God?
- ▢ What posture is more difficult for you? Open hands offering what you have or overturned hands offering what you don't have?
- ▢ Read Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2. What parallels do you see between the very different stories of Jochebed and Hannah?
- ▢ What verse(s) has the Spirit pointed out to you from the message or this discussion? Share.
- ▢ Share one way you've taken over for God and failed to rely on Him.
- ▢ Share one way you've learned to be dependent on God.

### NEXT STEPS

*(This section is how to 'put the rubber to the road' so to speak, and is created for us to grow deeper with each other as we process the implications of the text)*

- ▢ Discuss how you can support each other in applying the DEPENDENCE section on the right.

### DEPENDENCE

How can you start each day acknowledging your dependence on God? Try one or more of these creative ways to rely on God this week:

#### Start Your Day

- Wake up and pray a simple prayer committing to be dependent on God. Try praying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples in Matthew 6:9-13

#### Pause Your Day

- Set a timer or calendar appointment to take a break during your day and acknowledge your need to rely on God. Try praying Psalm 25, "In you O Lord, I put my trust."

#### Complete Your Day

- Before you fall asleep take some time to review your day. Look for patterns in your thoughts and feelings where you relied on God and where you didn't. Confess and be thankful to God as He leads you.