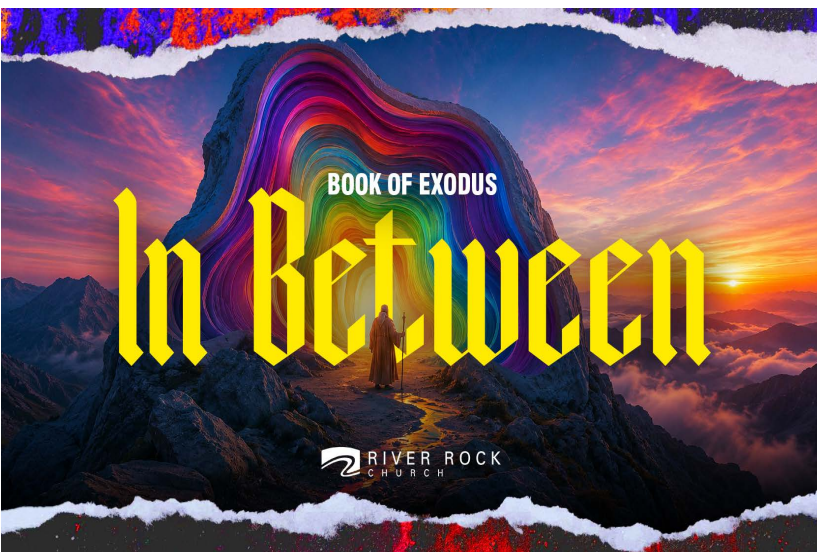


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# NEXT STEPS



## Exodus Series

### "The In Between"

Exodus 13:20 into 14

#### Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. Bill mentions that God often does His most important formation work in "in-between" seasons (times of transition, waiting, or uncertainty). Looking back at your own life, can you share a time when a difficult transition actually shaped your faith for the better? Why do you think growth happens more in the valleys than on the mountaintops?
2. Israel had unmistakable signs of God's presence with the pillars of cloud and fire, yet they still panicked. In our lives, God's presence usually looks different—like a supportive friend, an unexpected provision, or a sense of peace. Where are you spotting a "pillar of cloud or fire" in your life right now? What makes it hard to notice them when life gets stressful?
3. When Pharaoh's army trapped them, the Hebrews twisted their history and claimed, "It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" Why is it so tempting to romanticize the past when our present circumstances get tough? What "Egypt" (an old habit, a past season, or an unhealthy comfort zone) are you tempted to look back on with rose-colored glasses?
4. Bill noted that working hard to keep things "unchanging" can actually be to our detriment, because we get stronger through growing and learning. Where in your life right now are you fighting against a change or a "bump in the road" rather than leaning into what God might want to teach you through it?
5. If you were to map your life today and place a big "YOU ARE HERE" marker on it, what does your current landscape look like? (e.g., Are you facing a Red Sea? Is an "army" chasing you? Are you resting by the pillars?) Based on where you are, what is one practical step you can take this week to trust that God is making a way forward?