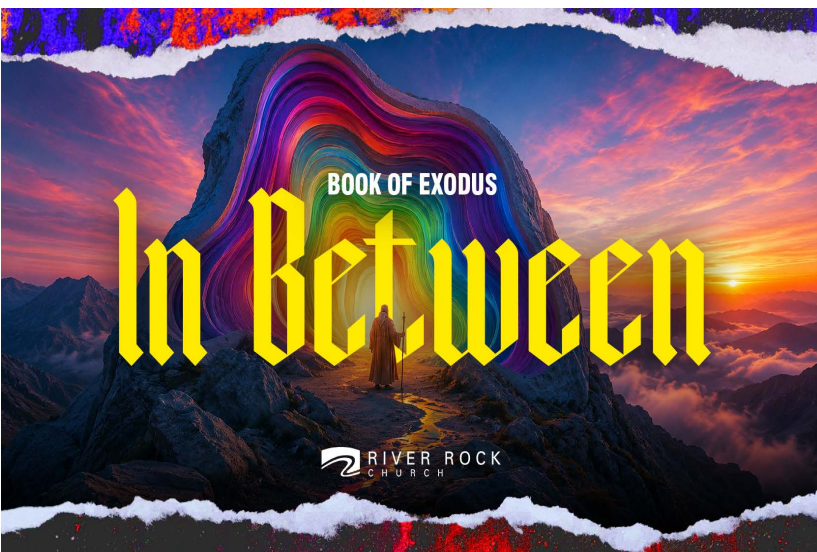


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NEXT STEPS



Exodus Series "The In Between"

Exodus 19:1-6, 20

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. Notice that God reminds Israel of His rescue ("I carried you on eagles' wings") before asking anything of them. How does remembering that salvation precedes instruction change how we view God's boundaries or command in our lives?
2. Bill highlights that behind every prohibition ("Thou shalt not...") is a positive value ("Because we value..."). Pick one of the Commandments—what core value or vision for flourishing human life is God inviting us into through that command?
3. In Exodus 19:5–6, God calls Israel to be a "treasured possession" and a "holy nation" (set apart). In what ways did God's vision for Israel contrast with the power-driven culture of Egypt or the surrounding nations? Where do you feel the pressure to conform to the culture around you today?
4. Israel was in the desert—a transitional space between slavery and their future home—when God gave them this identity. Why is it often harder to focus on spiritual growth and character formation when we are in seasons of waiting, transition, or uncertainty?
5. Looking at your life right now, what is one area where you are currently "in between"? What is one core spiritual boundary or value (e.g., rest/Sabbath, focus on God, serving, compassion) that God might be inviting you to practice more intentionally in this season?