

Exodus

The Firstborn Son - week 6

March 29, 2026

As we journey through Exodus together, create space to listen, reflect, and grow. There is no pressure to have the “right” answers – only an invitation to be present. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead the conversation and to gently shape your heart along the way.

Open up together:

- Where are you in the family birth order?
- If you had to describe your family role growing up (oldest, peacemaker, responsible one, etc.), what would it be?

Read Together:

Exodus 8:1-15,

Exodus 4:22-23

... 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'

Exodus 4:24

At a lodging place on the way, the Lord met Moses and was about to kill him.

Exodus 4:25-26

But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. So the Lord let him alone.

Exodus 11:1

Now the Lord had said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely."

Exodus 11:4-6

So Moses said, "This is what the LORD says: 'About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again.'

Exodus 12:7

Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.

Exodus 12:12-13

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will **pass over** you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Exodus 13:1

The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal."

Exodus 13:13

Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

Colossians 1:15

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn** over all creation.

Reflect & Share:

- The passage in Exodus 4 (God about to kill Moses) feels shocking. What stood out to you or challenged you most about that moment?

- Zipporah’s action involved the shedding of blood that brought protection. Why do you think this detail matters in light of the Passover story?
- The message talked about the “firstborn” (Bechor) as a role, not just birth order. How does that deepen your understanding of Israel as God’s “firstborn son”?
- The Israelites were not automatically spared in the 10th plague—they had to respond in obedience. What does that reveal about God and our response to Him?
- The idea of “redemption has a price” shows up throughout this passage. How do you see that theme connect to Jesus?
- The message described Exodus as a kind of “birth story” for Israel. Have you experienced a moment in your life that felt like a turning point or new beginning?
- Where do you currently see your story connecting with what God is doing?

Pray Together:

Pray and ask God to help you see your story through the lens of His story.

Ask Him to reveal where He is inviting you into something new—whether that’s trust, surrender, or taking a next step like baptism.

Pray for the courage to respond in obedience, just as the Israelites had to trust Him during Passover.