

### CHOSEN TO RECEIVE GOD'S PROVISION

<sup>3</sup> "Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household... <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup> and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it... <sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:1-13 (ESV)

### REMEMBER what is was like to be in BONDAGE.

- I remember that WILLPOWER can never defeat or resolve the sins that entangle me.
- I remember that I don't sin LESS by trying to sin less.
- I remember the DEPTH of my sin so I can fully appreciate the MAGNITUDE of God's GRACE.

### Stay UP TO DATE on CONFESSION.

- Don't you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? <sup>7</sup> Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is

what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. <sup>8</sup> So let us celebrate the festival, not with the old bread of wickedness and evil, but with the new bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

- Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28 (ESV)
- If you are BREATHING – you will struggle with TEMPTATION.
- Confession – NAME it and CLAIM it – you have to name in order to claim God's mercy.

### Have FAITH in the SAVING power of the BLOOD of Christ.

- By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. Hebrews 11:28 (ESV)
- My IDENTITY in Christ is bigger than my PAST.
- When shame WOUNDS – grace HEALS.
- There is no place I can go that the GRACE of God cannot go FURTHER.
- God not only FORGIVES, but chooses to FORGET.
- I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. Hebrews 10:17 (ESV)

### ACCEPT the TRADE.

- For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Jesus makes a trade with the Father. PUNISHMENT adequate for all the crimes of all of HUMANITY – every murder, every theft, every lustful glance, every hidden act of vice, every modest moment of pride, every monstrous deed of evil – punishment adequate for every crime of every man or woman who ever lived, Jesus takes upon himself as if he is guilty of all.