

# Session 3

## Read: Chapters 9-13

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### Opening

What “detour” have you experienced in your life, and why do you think God allowed it?

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### View

**Consider the following questions as you watch session 2.**

What is the significance of “turbulent water” in the Bible’s story?

What did God provide during Israel’s wilderness exile?

What did faithfulness look like for God’s covenant people?

How does God reveal himself through his name?

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### Reflect

**Spend some time reflecting on the series of questions Sonya asks at the at the close of the video.**

What are your chaos waters?

What would it look like for you to be still and let God do your fighting?

Where does God’s hesed meet your failure?

Do you believe that God’s love for you is higher than the heavens; that your sin and guilt have been removed?

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## Study

Use the following questions for individual study or group discussion. Refer to the Bible passages listed, as well as *The Covenant Story* chapters, as you dig deeper.

### Chapter 9

#### Redeemed: Covenant People

##### Exodus 6:2-9, 12:7-13 & 14:10-14

What did God remind the people through Moses in Exodus 6:2-9? How did the people respond?

What is the significance of the Passover lamb, especially in light of covenant?

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still” (Exodus 14:14 NIV). What does this verse reveal about God’s covenant relationship with his people?

Personal: Is there an area of your life where you need to be still and let God fight for you?

### Chapter 10

#### The Words: Covenant Commitment

##### Exodus 24:1-18

What was it like for the people to encounter God, and how did they respond to him?

What were the specific elements of this covenant ceremony—and what was the significance of each?

What was the vision experienced by the 70 elders, and what did it mean in light of the covenant that had been made?

Personal: The people were afraid of God and asked Moses to intercede for them. When has fear kept you from getting close to God?

### Chapter 11

#### Tested: The Law of the Covenant

##### Exodus 32:1-14

Why do you think the people wanted an idol? Why do you think Aaron granted their request?

How would you describe Moses’ relationship with God? How would you describe the relationship between the people and God?

How did Moses respond to the sin of the people?

Personal: How can you relate to this story of brokenness?

## **Chapter 12**

### **Glory: Covenant Remembered**

**Exodus 33:12-34:10**

Why is it so important to distinguish between the law and the promise?

What is significant about Moses' intercession on behalf of the people? Why did God relent?

When Moses asked to see God's glory, what did God reveal?

What elements of his character did God directly tie to his name?

Personal: What does it look like for you to honor God's name?

## **Chapter 13**

### **Kindness: Covenant Provision**

**Deuteronomy 6:10-12; Judges 2:8-10**

Why might the people of Israel forget their covenant with God?

What is significant about the inclusion of people like Rahab and Ruth in the biblical story? How are their stories "covenant stories"?

Personal: Have you ever experienced God's love as an "outsider"?

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## **Wrap Up**

**Consider the following question as you close your time in prayer.**

How are God's people today experiencing the "waters" and the wilderness? What does it look like for us to trust God in these times?