

# THE GREATEST STORY EVER *Retold*

## Week Five: *The Long Way Around*

### TODAY'S VERSES:

Exodus 3:10  
Exodus 1:1  
Exodus 1:6-9  
Exodus 1:11  
Exodus 3:7-10  
Exodus 13:17-18  
2 Corinthians 12:9

### UPCOMING:

#### Parking Lot Picnic

\*Weather Permitting\*

Join us TODAY from 11:30-1 for a picnic in the Parking Lot with your church family. Bring your family, lunch, blanket and lawn chairs.

#### Upcoming Journey Guide Distribution

Our upcoming series, beginning next Sunday, will have a corresponding Journey Guide. You may get your guide by:

-Attending our Parking Lot Picnic today

-Drive Thru pick up off of Bethany Ln today from 11:30a-1p

-Office pick up this week

-Local delivery and shipping are also available by request to [connect@ourelement.org](mailto:connect@ourelement.org)

### BIG IDEA:

Has God ever done something that doesn't make sense to you? The truth is that God rarely takes His people on the most direct route. More important than many of our destinations, is who we become along the way. A true relationship with God must start in a place of trust that God knows what He is doing.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

When have you felt like God was taking you the wrong way?  
Where are the places you find it hard to trust God's directions?

When you look at the Exodus story, what highlights do you tend to focus on?

Who does God say He is in the Exodus story?

What does God say He will do?

How do you define slavery to sin?

How is sin against the way/Kingdom of God?

In what ways have you been, or are you, a slave to sin?

Do you believe that God has heard your cry?

What is your trust level that God is good and is working to bring redemption, even if it doesn't look like what you want it to look like?

In your desert times, how have you learned patience?

In your desert times, how has God grown and strengthened you?

In your desert times, how have you learned to deal with temptation and sin?

In your desert times, how have you learned that God is good?

What can we say to someone still in bondage to slavery about God's goodness, grace and redemption to help bring freedom?

How/why is God's answer to the bondage of slavery found in the person and work of Jesus Christ?