

# Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

## Read

Exodus, Chapter 13:8-9

*You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.' 9 It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the Lord may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt.*

## Reflect

Before God leads the Israelites out of Egypt, there is time given to how they will look back on God's actions. The Israelites will tell their children about the day when God brought them out of their oppression. The Israelites will remember and recount God's great redeeming actions. For people who profess faith in the God of Israel, the one whom Jesus called Father, this is always the task before us. We understand that it is our responsibility to recall God's saving acts to our children, biological and other. We know that the primary influence of the faith of a young person is the faith of their parents. That has been well documented. During this season, when we cannot gather in our buildings, our homes have become our sanctuaries, Sunday school rooms, and our fellowship halls. In this season, we are all the more aware of our responsibility in proclaiming the transformation we have experienced through the gospel to those that God has entrusted us to care for in this world. May we seize the opportunity, each time we are asked, to testify of God's saving grace.

## Respond

Who has God entrusted you to testify to in your life? How often do you share what God has done for you? Do your children know your road from oppression to freedom? Consider God's concern for how the Israelites would retell of these moments, and regard God's liberating acts in your life with the same reverence. Testify.

## Pray

To the one who liberates, we cry out to you. To the one who led the Israelites through the Red Sea, we follow you. To the one who calls us to testify, here we are, send us. Amen.