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## READING

We believe that regular Bible reading is the most important step we can take to grow spiritually. If you need a tool to help you be consistent, check out the options at the Resource table in the foyer.

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## PRAYING

This information is intended to help you pray for specific needs in our congregation and the world. Updates to prayer requests for individuals will be added as information is provided.

Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer.

- Charles Finney

This speaks most clearly to the opportunities we have in Community Groups.

### For Our Mission

Romans 8:26 - In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Prayer is motivated and directed by God as we cooperate with His intentions.

Our mission individually and corporately is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Worship God, Serve others, Grow together.

### For Our World

Are you aware of a strained or broken relationship?

Pray for:

- Circumstances to disturb the status quo and create unease
- Friends or strangers to bear witness to the gifts of God in Jesus Christ

Repentance and acceptance of grace, peace and humility that leads to restoration

### For Our Congregation

- Shirley Legg passed away on Wednesday, in a nursing home in Marmora, from pneumonia
- Dana Orchard continues to recover at Parkwood. There are some issues with her kidneys, so her discharge date has been pushed back to later in March. Please also pray for her after-recovery when she does get home as she is facing some challenges there.
- Jill Wilson continues to recover at home after surgery on both of her feet
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# WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

March 11, 2018

Speaker: Dr. Deven K MacDonald



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## HEARING:

**When God Leads You into the Desert**

Exodus 13 (pg. 68)

*When God leads you into the desert, lean into his promises!*

## When God leads you into the desert... (Exodus 13:17)

◆ It's not \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 3:24)

◆ It's not \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:3-5)

## ...Lean into his promises (Exodus 13:18-20)

1. He is working for our \_\_\_\_\_ (13:18)

2. He is faithful (13:19-20)

3. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (13:20-22)

## DEEPENING

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## APPLYING

It's one thing to hear God's Word, it's another to apply it! Answering the questions on your own before your group meets will help you be fully engaged in the discussion.

### Community Group Questions

1. Why do you think that God has Israel commemorate the Exodus in so many ways? Consecration, Holy Days, Festivals, etc.?
2. Have you experienced a period in your life where you feel like you're in the proverbial "desert"? If so, share as much about this experience as you'd like. (Give each person an opportunity to answer this question)
3. When you face adversity or desert seasons, which do you default to more: Thinking that it's punishment from God; or that it's just pointless?
4. How has God used hardship in your life to transform you? Share what God did in your life and how he used it.
5. Which of the Promises (numbered 1, 2, 3 in the sermon notes) do you feel is the most significant to you where you are right now?

## REMEMBERING

Memorizing is one of the best ways of making truth stick. You can memorize something if you repeat it enough times. Try reading the verse 5 times a day until it sticks! Choose a part of it for your kids if needed.

'...With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt,  
out of the land of slavery.'

Exodus 13:14b <sup>(NIV)</sup>