

Upcoming Events:

Women's Prayer

Every Tuesday

10 am @ Pat Porter's House

Contact: Eilene Anderson – 360-273-7932
or Pat Porter – 360-273-2364

Men's Bible Study

Every Tuesday

7 pm @ the Blue Building

Contact: Jeff Robertson – 417-773-3249

Revolution

Every Wednesday

7 – 8 pm @ the Blue Building

Contact: Darryl Vaughan – PastorDarryl@RochesterLife.org

Sew Friendly Quilters

2nd Saturday of every month

10 am @ the Blue Building

Contact: Pat Porter – 360-273-2364

Prayer Meeting

3rd Friday of every month

7 pm @ the Blue Building

Contact: Eilene Anderson – 360-273-7932

February 24th – Women's Ministry Movie Night

Miracles from Heaven

7 pm @ the Blue Building

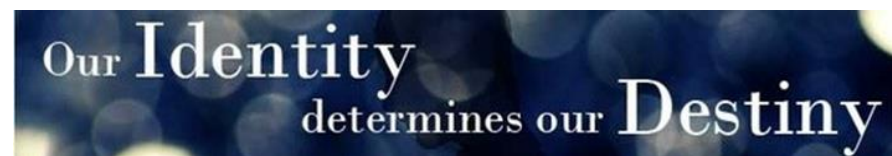
Contact: Jennifer Kennedy – 360-951-6639

March 24th – 26th – Women's Ministry Retreat

Your Story: His Glory

Contact: Darlonna Vaughan – 360-888-0580

Or Jennifer Kennedy – 360-951-6639



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January 29, 2017 – Pastor Leif Holmes

Title: Identity Determines Destiny

Text: Exodus 1

Questions to Consider:

• **Read Exodus 1:1-11.**

- *Why did the Israelites go from freedom to slavery?*
 - *Was it their fault? Why or why not?*
 - *Was it God's fault? Why or why not?*
- *"God is proactive rather than reactive."*
 - *Define what that means.*
 - *Why is this important to realize and remember?*
 - *Have you gone through tough times where it felt like you were being beaten down, crushed, and worn out? Perhaps even now?*
 - *Why did God allow the Egyptians to enslave the Israelites?*
 - *Was God unconcerned with the brutality of their slavery?*
 - *Had he forgotten about them?*
- *How does the Israelites' enslavement to the Egyptians parallel humankind's enslavement to sin?*

• **Read Exodus 1:12-14.**

- *How does God "turn up the heat?" Why?*
 - *Has God ever "turned up the heat" on you? How? Why?*
 - *Despite being slaves, how had the Israelites become accustomed to their plight?*
 - *Did they want to be delivered from their slavery?*
 - *Why or why not?*
- *"Our identity determines our destiny."*
 - *What was the Israelites identity? How had they lost it?*
 - *What was the Israelites destiny? How had they lost it?*
 - *How does this parallel many Christians' lives today?*
 - *Read Galatians 5:1 and John 10:10*
 - *Why did Christ set us free from slavery to sin?*
 - *What is His purpose for us?*

• **Read Exodus 1:15-17, 22**

- *How do things go from bad to worse for the Israelites?*
 - *Once again, why would God allow this?*
 - *If God wasn't punishing them, what was He doing?*
- *If God's purpose toward us is ALWAYS to bless us (see Jeremiah 29:11), then why does He allow such awful things to happen to them? To us?*
 - *What was God preparing them for?*
 - *What is God preparing us for?*

ABUNDANCE



OVERFLOW



***"And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. So don't fool yourselves."
James 1:22***

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