

DATE	January 6, 2019
SPEAKER	David Smith
TITLE	A Greater Exodus
SERIES	During a traditional Jewish celebration of Passover, participants drink four cups, each one representing a different promise of God. What are these promises? And how are they relevant to us as we enter a new year?

Pastor David gave a great sermon to kick off our new year. He explained to us the four "I will statements" that God made to the Israelites in Exodus 6:6. Each statement challenges us to proclaim or "live out" various actions in our lives.

- 1. We learned that communion consists of two actions: To Remember and To Proclaim. What are a few specific things that you can commit to in 2019 to apply these in your daily life? What obstacles do you see and how can you overcome them?
- 2. What does partaking in communion mean to you? Does it have greater meaning in your life after hearing Pastor David's sermon? How has the sermon changed your thinking?
- 3. Give an example of a nudge that you acted on, and later realized that you made a hasty decision. How did God help you through the consequences of that decision? What do you feel God is nudging you to do in your life now? What steps must you take to accept and obey the nudge of God?
- 4. God says that He will sanctify us, deliver us, redeem us, and one day take us with Him. Praise God! How can you proclaim those truths to others in your life so that you can be used by God in someone's decision to follow Him? Can you name a time when God used someone to help you make a decision for Jesus?
- 5. In this sermon, we learned that the name of our church, Fairhaven, comes from Acts 27:8. Luke and Paul were on a ship sailing for Italy. When the winds prevented them from holding their course, they moved along the coast and came to a place called Fair Havens. What does the church mean to you when you are having difficulty holding your course in life?
- 6. Do you feel you are offering your cup of judgement up to God as Jesus did in Gethsemane, or do you feel that your cup is overflowing as in the 23rd Psalm? Why? Try to find some other examples in the Bible where a cup is referenced and the meaning it offers.

Billy Graham once said that God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with. May both of your hands be full of good things during the coming year!!