



## Sermon Main Idea:

Telling each other our stories allows us to share how God has "shown up" for us, like He showed up as pillars of fire and cloud for the Israelites. This is true both in our personal lives and our life as a community of faith.

## Introduction:

1. What story do you remember from your childhood? What does it remind you of?
2. What story have you heard someone else share, about how God "showed up" to them, that impacted you?

## SORP:

### Scripture | read Exodus 13:14-22

### Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. Read Exodus 13:11-13. What was the ritual that God put in place to remind them of the story of God's deliverance? What was the significance of this ritual?
2. What strikes you about this hypothetical conversation between a parent and child in verses 14-16?
3. Why did God lead the Israelites the long way around (vs. 17-18)? How do you think the Israelites might have responded, either internally or externally, to the route the pillar of cloud/fire took them on?
4. Considering the 300+ years that passed between Joseph's death and the time of this text, what does verse 19 communicate about the Israelites commitment to remembering?
5. What might the pillar of cloud/fire communicated to the Israelites about God?

### Response | how can we respond in our lives to what we learn?

1. What are some rituals or rhythms in your life that help you remember God's faithfulness?
2. What is a story from your life of God's faithfulness to you? How might you incorporate sharing stories of God's faithfulness into your rhythm of life?
3. How have you experienced God leading you the "long way around" in your life? How did you feel in the midst of that journey?
4. How have you seen God at work in the "long way around" at Riverside? In your own life?
5. How might God be calling you to respond to His Word today?

### Prayer | ask God to help you live out your response