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## Today God Is First

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...but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage. - Exodus 6:9

It is very difficult to lead when those you are leading believe they have been mistreated and have lost all hope. Such was the case when God called Moses to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt. They had lived under many years of oppression and slavery. Yet God heard their cry. He sent someone to bring them out of slavery "so that they might worship God" (see Ex. 8:1). Interesting that God didn't say, "to serve Him." Above all else, God desires our worship. A person cannot enter into true worship of God while still in slavery and bondage.

In Proverbs, the writer tells us "hope deferred makes the heart sick" (Prov. 13:12a). There is a place in life where life becomes so discouraging and hopeless that we lose all hope, and it can actually make us sick. I have been at this place; it is a scary condition. It

North Texas. He has many years of IT experience, as well as a Masters degree in Management with a concentration in IT Management and Consulting.

Kevin attributes his success to the love of God and his wife Sharon, attentchion too detales, and not taking himself too seriously. His hobbies include anything that he can do outside, and he enjoys vacationing anywhere with wife, Sharon. Kevin's favorite scripture is I Corinthians 13. He and Sharon worship and Covenant Church in Cross Roads and Cowboy Covenant Church.

### Schedule of Events December/January

All December Meetings have been cancelled, EXCEPT the Colleyville November Meeting will be scheduled on December 1, since their meeting falls on the day before Thanksgiving. The January Meeting schedule is:

1/12/11 McKinney  
1/13/11 Crossroads  
1/19/11 Carrollton  
1/26/11 Colleyville

brings you to the edge of despair.

The people would not listen to Moses. Yet God did not deliver immediately. In fact, it would be many plagues later before ultimate deliverance would take place. Why does God withhold deliverance at times? It is in order to bring greater glory from the situation. It isn't because He doesn't care. It is because His plan for mankind is resting in these events. It is a finely tuned plan that involves many people and situations - all operating at the same time. It can seem cruel at times. But God knows that His children cannot worship Him if they are in bondage and lose all hope. He won't allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear, so He has a plan of deliverance for each of us. This plan is not always the kind of deliverance we might think is best. It sometimes has pain surrounding the deliverance. When a mother gives birth, that child is delivered into this world through much pain. But with that pain comes great joy on the other side. Every mother will say the pain was worth it because of the exceeding joy that child brought in the midst of the pain.

What are you in bondage to today? What keeps you from entering true worship? Work can keep us in bondage if we fail to enter into freedom in Christ during our workday. Today, ask God to show you the areas of bondage that you are living in so that you may worship Him.

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### Meeting Times & Locations

#### Carrollton

3rd Wednesdays | Nico's Cocina  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

#### Cross Roads

2nd Thursday | Prairie House Restaurant  
11:45 am - 1:00 pm

#### McKinney

2nd Wednesday | La Madeleine  
Restaurant | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Colleyville**

4th Wednesdays | Spring Creek Barbeque  
in Grapevine

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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