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- Through liturgy, they are present to the reality

The Story of the Exodus is ritualized

- In the reciting of the ritual ceremony, it is not just a telling of the past, it is also a description of the present moment. God is continually acting now.
- The Jewish Remembering is not just a calling to mind

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The story of the Exodus is not just about a past event but a living reality. In the retelling of the story the events of the past become present, as I mentioned and we are all standing with Moses being freed from slavery and worshipping God. Israel will always be as people of the Exodus. And through the liturgy they are present.

Now what I want to bring up is that for people who were maybe alcoholics, if you're an alcoholic yourself you probably know that experience, if your sober now, of being in bondage, being a slave to the addiction or any kind of addiction and just having the real experience of being a slave to this. And then experiencing through a Higher Power,

through all the steps a sense of freedom. You will always have the disease but that sense of longing to be free from this, from this craving, from this desire. Anybody whose experiencing a kind of addiction and that experience of being freed from bondage or for us being freed from sin is the work that Exodus and of course, Jesus does. From death to life we are not talking about the end of life. We are talking about our own experiences of death, of things we have to die to ourselves, things that are sinful in our life, things that cause death and that the longing for life and for new life and a different life than this bondage. Than the slavery or the sin that has a hold on us. You guys got pretty quiet. I don't know if that was a little too serious. Does that make sense?

In the reciting of the ritual ceremony, it is not just a retelling of the past, but also a description of the present moment because God still frees his people today. He still frees the Israelites and Jesus still frees us. God still frees us from our sins. And Jewish remembrance is not just calling to mind.