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We can apply the lessons of the Passover by trusting in God's faithfulness, embracing the freedom found in Christ's sacrifice, and living lives marked by gratitude and obedience to Him. Just as the Israelites celebrated their deliverance, we can celebrate our freedom in Christ and live in a way that reflects His love and grace to others.

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