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PART 7: LEARNING TO REST IN GOD'S WILL

LIFE IN EGYPT

When God moved the family of Jacob to Egypt, it was a small party of 66 people, including his sons' wives. **Genesis 46:26**

God was going to build a nation from this group of people, who after 430 years, numbered 600,000 men in addition to their wives and children. **Exodus 12:37**

To put that into perspective, the Mayflower arrived to America in 1620, 389 years ago. Imagine that God issued a mandate that all white European descendents were to leave the United States and move back to Europe with only the clothes on their backs and some livestock. How many do you think would want to leave? None. Likewise, the descendants of Jacob didn't want to leave Egypt where they had great farms, nice houses and lived a good life. Only a catastrophic event could make them leave.

It was God's will for Jacob and his family to move to Egypt and prosper in all areas. It was God's will for them to learn the skill of building homes, farming, harvesting, storing food supplies, and making clothing, shoes and tools.

God created a special breed of men and women to live during this time of plenty in Egypt. Since there would not be any wars, God created people with a desire to marry, procreate, be hard working and build family wealth. The women were blessed to conceive and give birth to children with ease. **Exodus 1:7, 19**

These men and women had no vision or desire to leave Egypt, to mix with the Egyptians or to try to accomplish some great feats. God had laid upon them to keep a careful genealogy, to make sure that the history of previous generations was preserved and that each new generation would know the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God creates people for specific times and purposes according to His Master Plan and makes sure that each person fits the time they are going to live on the earth. Isaiah 49:1-3; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Galatians 1:15

BREAKING LOOSE FROM THE ROYAL HOUSE OF EGYPT

At this point in time Moses was just going with the flow and didn't know anything about his future but God stirred up a desire in him to go and see his family. It was then that he saw the oppression and in rage killed an Egyptian guard who was mistreating a Hebrew man. **Exodus 2:11-12**



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Moses was naïve and thought that all Hebrew people would love one another, and when he intervened a second time, he realized that the murder he had committed the day before was known and he had no other option than to flee for his life. Again we can see how God had created a situation to get Moses out of the incubator and moved to his next assignment in God's training program. **verses 13-15**

Moses could have tried to repent to Pharaoh, and once and for all cut off his ties with God's people, but the faith given him by God caused him to reject Egypt and opt for an uncertain time with God. **Hebrews 11:24-27**

The time at the palace of Pharaoh must have been a time with good food, fun and a great future, but God put restlessness in Moses, and then used a violent confrontation to move him on.

FORTY YEARS IN THE DRY WILDERNESS

Moses went from a life of lavish luxury in the capitol of Egypt to the dry dusty desert as a shepherd with a newfound wife. **Exodus 2:16-22**

Moses was forty years old when he arrived in the desert and for the next forty years he would wander around, living in a tent with his wife and son and tending sheep. By the time he was eighty years old, all hope had left and he must have felt that somehow he had missed God's call for his life and all the training and education he had received in Egypt was wasted. Who needed the training of a king in order to herd sheep?

THE CALL OF GOD FOR MOSES

During his time in the palace of Egypt, Moses was taught to be a ruler and trained in warfare. But 40 years as a shepherd had wiped out all aspirations of doing something great for God and Moses must have thought that his future outlook was to die in a strange land and be forgotten in the pages of history.

God is looking for people who have learned to die to self, have no earthly ambitions to be famous. These are the type of people God calls into a great position. He is seeking men and women who are humble. Moses fit that description and God used a supernatural event to his attention. **Exodus 3:1-6**

God told Moses of the plan He had for the children of Israel. **verses 7-10**

THE "WHO AM I ATTITUDE"

Moses was a brokenhearted man who responded in unbelief, insecurity, inferiority and a total lack of confidence and wanted to know why a powerful pharaoh would heed the words of an old man? **verse 11**

God did not negotiate with Moses. He created Moses and governed his life for 80 years and just told Moses, "*You are my man!*" **verse 12**

Moses saw the faces of the elders of the Hebrews in his mind who knew he was a murderer and fugitive and now he was going to come back to tell them that he

had seen and talked with God. He could just imagine the laughter and mockery. **verse 13**

God told Moses again that the arguments were immaterial; he just needed to be obedient. **verses 14-22**

MOSES' ARGUMENTS

Moses brought up three points to dissuade God:

- ❖ The people will not believe me. **Exodus 4:1**
- ❖ I am not a speaker. **Exodus 4:10**
- ❖ Send someone else. **Exodus 4:13**

GOD'S COUNTERPOINTS

- ❖ God promised there would be powerful signs. **Exodus 4:2-9**
- ❖ Who made your mouth? **Exodus 4: 11-12**
- ❖ Finally God became angry, and in our way of speaking told Moses to *"Shut up and just do what I tell you to do! Stop arguing! It is useless, I am God and you are my man for this job!"* **Exodus 4:14-17**

MOSES ACCEPTS THE CALL

Moses realized that God was serious, there was no way out of this calling and accepted the mandate in faith. He then told his father-in-law, *"I just had a phone call from God and I am going back to Egypt to deliver my people from the Egyptian oppression."* Moses told his wife, *"Pack up your things and get the children ready, we are going to Egypt right now!"* Moses didn't ask Zipporah if she wanted to go or not, he was the head of the family, God had spoken and there was no time to waste. **verses 18-20**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS?

1. Every believer in Christ has a part to play in God's master plan for His kingdom on this earth.
2. We aren't always going to be told in advance what our assignment will be, it's just a matter of embarking on a journey of faith, disregarding the circumstances and obstacles and doing our daily chores.

Leave the future to God and trust that He will lead you in such a way that you end up where he wants you to be. **All you need to do is to trust and obey that God's will shall be done! Hebrews 11:32-40**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?