

Silver Creek Fellowship

NOTES

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EXODUS

Exodus 2:1-10 (NIV) The Birth of Moses “Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ²and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. ⁵ Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. ‘This is one of the Hebrew babies,’ she said. ⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?’ ⁸ ‘Yes, go,’ she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.’ So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, ‘I drew him out of the water.’”

The Hebrew word used for “basket” in Exodus 2:3 is **tebah** (תֵּבָה).

☒ **Waiting is hard because it reveals our complete lack of control.**

Exodus 2:11-15 (NIV) “One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. ¹² Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, ‘Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?’ ¹⁴ The man said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?’ Then Moses was afraid and thought, ‘What I did must have become known.’ ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.”

Acts 7:20-28 (NIV) “At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family. ²¹ When he was placed outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. ²² Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action. ²³ When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. ²⁴ He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not. ²⁶ The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, ‘Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?’ ²⁷ But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us?’ ²⁸ Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’”

Exodus 2:16-22 (NIV) “Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father’s flock. ¹⁷ Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock. ¹⁸ When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, ‘Why have you returned so early today?’ ¹⁹ They answered, ‘An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock.’ ²⁰ ‘And where is he?’ Reuel asked his daughters. ‘Why did you leave him? Invite him to

have something to eat.’²¹ Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.²² Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, ‘I have become a foreigner in a foreign land.’”

Genesis 46:34 (NIV) “you should answer, ‘Your servants have tended livestock from our boyhood on, just as our fathers did.’ Then you will be allowed to settle in the region of Goshen, for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians.”

Israel is in slavery, **waiting**: Has God forgotten about us? Does He even care?

Moses is in Midian, **waiting**: Did I waste my chance? Has God given up on me?

Exodus 2:23-25 (ESV) “During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God.²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

GOD IN THE WAITING ROOM

1. God heard.

Psalms 18:6 (NIV) “In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.”

Psalms 66:19 (NIV) “but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.”

2. God remembered.

Genesis 30:22 (NIV) “Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and enabled her to conceive.”

Genesis 19:29 (NIV) “So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.”

3. God saw.

Genesis 16:13 (NIV) “She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: ‘You are the God who sees me,’ for she said, ‘I have now seen the One who sees me.’”

Psalms 10:14 (NIV) “But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.”

4. God knew.

Psalms 139:1-2 (NIV) “You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.”

Nahum 1:7 (ESV) “The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.”

Who are you becoming while you wait?

God left him in the desert because it took forty years to get Moses out of Egypt, but it took forty years to get Egypt out of Moses.

Before Moses could be used by God, that arrogant Egyptian prince had to die in the sand, so the humble shepherd of God could be born.

Your waiting is not wasted. God is not just preparing the blessing for you; He is preparing you for the blessing.