

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

January 28, 2024

Never Fails



When we experience intense challenges, these incidents may make us feel God is silent or slow (Psalm 28) to respond. This may cause us to react instinctively based on past experiences, educational backgrounds, or logical processes. We tend to pray when our accomplishments do not produce the expected or desired results. We sometimes only lean on God as the only remaining option.

God has demonstrated throughout the years that no matter what His church experiences, He is always there (Matthew 28:20), working things out for the good of those who keep walking in His ways ('love Him;' Romans 8:28; John 14:15) no matter what. He proves that He is never silent or absent because His purposes are unshakable (Hebrews 12:29-29). His power is incomprehensible, so God has no reason to be disappointed. This is why He sometimes seems quiet. It is because there is no reason for Him to think His purposes will not be accomplished; after all, He is the Lord God Almighty. All He proves, we need to demonstrate our trust by remaining faithful in our obedience to Him no matter the circumstances we encounter (John 15:1-15). When we are committed to trusting Him (demonstrated by our faithful obedience to Him), we allow ourselves to become immersed in complete dependency on His results.

After asking Moses to go and lead the people of Israel out of Egypt, I am amazed that God allowed Moses to experience one difficult challenge after another. Returning to the land, convincing two million people to follow him at eighty years of age was enough. When Moses encountered these challenges, many answers made no sense: how does stretching out a person's hand stop thunder and lightning (Exodus 9:28-29)? How does raising a stick over the Red Sea help about two million people get through the sea into the wilderness? God did not remove the challenges or ask Moses to determine the solutions; God called Moses to obedience.

As we face a new year, let the faithfulness the Lord has vividly exposed by serving His church these thirty years remind us that our most significant challenge is to "fight THE good fight of faith.... (1 Timothy 6:12); one fight. Because of our flesh (Romans 7:14-25; Galatians 5:16-18), the struggle to keep the faith when our emotions are high or our common sense tells us we are insane makes faith seem unrealistic (things we can't see; Hebrews 11:1-2). Trusting God when He seems silent was even a struggle for David (Psalm 28).

A sky driver demonstrates complete surrender when they jump. A patient demonstrates complete trust when they commit to surgery, no matter the level of anxiety they may encounter.

The Lord 'Never Fails'!! We learn this when we patiently and continuously trust Him (Isaiah 40:27-27-31).

"GREAT is His FAITHFULNESS!!!"

Lamentations 2:22-26

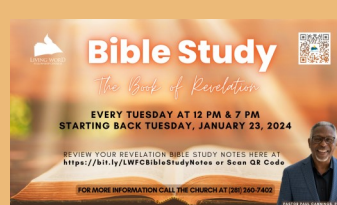
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Exodus 3:17-22

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Letting Go Exodus 3:17-22

A. Surrender (v. 17):

1. God will fulfill His promise to Abraham and facilitate all that needs to take place to get all the people out of Egypt.
2. God's description of what Israel experienced in Egypt is very descriptive. Their pain was physical humiliation, emotional duress, mental anguish, and a feeling of helplessness against a powerful enemy who was lawless (Exodus 2:23; 3:7).

B. Despite The Challenges (v. 18):

1. What Moses proclaims to the people they will do.
2. With the message vividly and explicitly clear, all the leadership will be completely resolved to complete what God has instructed Moses to do.
3. God is not intimidated by no one. We can either submit to His authority and power or experience His might unleashed against whatever we may think we are.
4. God proves at the Red Sea that He did not need the King of Egypt's permission to take His people out of Egypt; He is the Lord God.
5. God will fight for us, but we must continuously live prostrate before Him.

C. Remember The Lord Fights Our Battles (vs. 19-20):

1. God has a complete knowledge of what the King of Egypt is going to do. No matter what Moses, the elders, or the people may experience, God is in control and has incorporated everything the King of Egypt will do when He executes His plan.
2. Despite the king of Egypt's decision, God will exercise His sovereign will and successfully engineer a war between Himself and the king of Egypt by providing numerous plagues.
3. The word "wonders" in Hebrew (*niphla'ot*) refers to things only God can do, things designed to inspire reverence in His worshipers and fear in His enemies (Radmacher, E. D., Allen, R. B., & House, H. W. (1999). [Nelson's new illustrated Bible commentary](#) (p. 93). T. Nelson Publishers).
4. The Lord God commits to continuously be obligated to faithfully create whatever actions necessary to force the king of Egypt to release His people.

D. He Has Your Back (vs. 21-22):

1. The Lord will totally, personally, generously, and compassionately establish His blessings for the people of Israel.
2. The Lord God knows what will take place, and He is completely confident all that He is saying will transpire no matter what the king of Egypt says or does.
3. All of Israel would not leave Egypt without a gift.
4. God so powerfully impacted all of Egypt that it flipped the script so that the Lord was God, and the enslaved people became masters demanding payment for their work.
5. God's powerful deliverance reversed who controls Egypt so that the King of Kings now owns all things and leads the way.

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Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Cici Sharpe, Margaret Baptiste, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Eric White, Pat Crawford, Birdie Williams, Tanisha Collins, Jon Heard, Rutha Patrick, Kevin Carey, Sherri Love, Jessie Austin, Elizabeth Clarke, Clara Williams, Kathryn Ford-Cheatham, Dorothy Price, Anthony Thomas, Beverly Austin, Joshua Williams, Ruby Hunter, Elizabeth Bean, Patsy Gatterson, Joyce Newsome, Arleatha Housley, Joyce Denman, Joann Hayes, Elvis Anderson, and Patrina Johnson.



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Exodus 3:17-22