

## BFT - The Qualification

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- Recap
- The story of Joseph favor with his father to slavery to favor to prison to the palace
- Compared to the Highs and lows of humanity
- After returning to Egypt a new Pharaoh takes over
- He sees the Israelites growing and He gets scared
- Just like Pharaoh in looking at today the devil has looked around and seen that, Gods people have the potential to be truly “fruitful and increase abundantly, with the ability to multiply and grow exceedingly mighty; and the land will be filled with them”
- Just like Pharaoh - He is in fear of what could happen if we realize who we really are and what we really carry
- Just like Pharaoh he has devised this plan to get us in a place of fear and worry about what could happen next.
- Gods people - not just those in the church - those outside
- Enemy trying to Keep them focused on themselves and they will never see the real enemy
- Moses - ***I will send YOU to Pharaoh that YOU may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.***
- Moses. .. you were born for this!!!
- The same call that is on each of us today
- I was born for this!

- Who is Moses

***Exodus 2:1 - And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. 2 So the woman conceived and bore a son.***

- The Hebrews were Gods chosen people...

• A Promise to Abraham -

*Genesis 17: God to Abraham - 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants (KJV-Seed) after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.*

*Reverential Capitalization - God / Jesus*

• A Promise to Isaac -

*Genesis 26:4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."*

• A Promise to Jacob -

*Genesis 28:13 "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."*

- Moses was born one of those people...

- He was one of those included in the words to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...
- He was included as:
  - One that would be established
  - One that would have nations come from his lineage
  - One that would have an everlasting covenant with God
  - One that was born in FAVOR with GOD
  - Of all the people on the earth - the Hebrews were chosen specifically by God

MOSES WAS BORN ONE OF THESE SPECIAL PEOPLE

With what was going on at the time - MOSES WAS BORN FOR THIS!

We were born into this same promise.

- This is our promises as well!

- Proof

In Galations 3: Paul speaks about this:

*15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.*

*19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.*

In other words when Jesus came and died on the cross and you received Him as your Lord and Savior - you were BORN AGAIN - A son of God... This Promise became your inheritance

Just like Moses these promises were to us!

- WE HAVE FAVOR WITH GOD
- WE ARE HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE
- WE ARE SET APART TO BE IN COVENANT WITH HIM...
- HE IS OUR GOD - WE ARE HIS PEOPLE

Gods people are once again in a mess - depression oppression addiction fear worry doubt poverty slavery

God has chosen you and I (the foolish things) to deliver His kids

YOU WERE BORN FOR THIS!

## Abandoned with purpose

**Ex.2: 2 And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. 3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.**

- God didn't make Pharaoh decide to kill babies...

**John 10:10 -The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

(life and abundance) vs (steal, kill, destroy)

This was the devil....

- The pain of a mother having to leave her child like this! Unbearable.....
- How could Moses ever really understand?
- Mental gymnastics...
- Though God didn't cause it, He would turn it into something amazing

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## Brought to the palace

**Exodus 2: 5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. 6 And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."**

**7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"**

**8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. 9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."**

- After being marked for death - this child was brought into the palace
- Now instead of seeing life through the eyes of a slave - He would see life through the eyes of royalty

- While there Moses was exposed to many things that the Hebrews never had seen
  - Exposed to the best education
  - This was an age of great learning, great art, culture
  - He got to be up close with the great culture of Mesopotamia
  - The law codes, the traditions of law and order from hundreds of years before he was even born
  - He had direct access to see first hand the connections between the Egyptian and Mesopotamian resources and historical texts
  - He was able to see the Mesopotamian accounts of the great floods and the creation of men and more.
  - Through all of this open access He became a literary scholar
  - Had he not been abandoned at birth he would have never had this access
  - MOSES SPENT 40 YEARS in the Palace

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## Time in the wilderness

Killed an Egyptian

Ran in fear of Pharaoh

Ends up meeting some women at the well

Men trying to kick them out - Moses fends them off

This justice thing coming up on Him

Opens the door to favor with Reuel

Moses marries and spends 40 years as a shepherd

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## God turns history into HIS STORY... We forget...

- We forget that Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible
- When you couple this time of learning and education with Moses personal accounts of meeting with God Himself -
  - you get this beautiful redemption story of Gods relentless pursuit of His children and His desire to connect with them
- If Moses had not been abandoned at birth this would've never happened

## Shaped by God

- Many of us have been through a lot of ups and downs in our lives:
- Some things we may not be proud of
- Some things we may
- Some circumstances we did not chose to be in
- Some circumstances we did
- God says "Your circumstances don't define you.... I do."
- ***Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."***

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## When the call came:

- Moses I want to send YOU to deliver My people. He had a choice to make
- Moses I know things are tough for you right now... but you were born for this...
- I know that you have now been on the run for over 40 years and have been afraid that Pharaoh may find you... but you were born for this
- Your circumstances don't define you.... I do.
- I have placed My heart for people in you...
- Thats why you saved that man in the fight
- Thats why you broke up the fight amongst your brothers
- Thats why you helped the women at the well...
- I have qualified you... YOU WERE BORN FOR THIS.

## He saying the same to each of us!

- We look at what we've been through in life and make a determination of our qualifications to do anything for GOD
- We end up introspective and judgmental for our issues of the past
- Eventually We ultimately end up disqualifying ourselves!
- YOU DON'T QUALIFY YOU TO BEGIN WITH..... HE DOES!
- He says YOU WERE BORN FOR THIS
- I am going to show you things from your past that are going to bring My heart and freedom to others in the future
- I am going to show you that even though you put yourself in some bad situations, where you didn't belong, I will redeem these things and use them to bring freedom to hundreds of thousand of people that I am calling you to deliver.
- You are not qualified in your own strength!
- I HAVE QUALIFIED YOU THROUGH THE BLOOD OF MY SON BECAUSE I LOVE YOU THAT MUCH
- YOU WERE BORN FOR THIS