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will bring you into the unexpected and empower you to do the impossible.

EXODUS 1:8-11

EVENTUALLY, A NEW KING CAME TO POWER IN EGYPT WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT JOSEPH OR WHAT HE HAD DONE. 9 HE SAID TO HIS PEOPLE, "LOOK, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL NOW OUTNUMBER US AND ARE STRONGER THAN WE ARE. 10 WE MUST MAKE A PLAN TO KEEP THEM FROM GROWING EVEN MORE. IF WE DON'T, AND IF WAR BREAKS OUT,

EXODUS 1:8-11

THEY WILL JOIN OUR ENEMIES AND FIGHT AGAINST US. THEN THEY WILL ESCAPE FROM THE COUNTRY." 11 SO THE EGYPTIANS MADE THE ISRAELITES THEIR SLAVES. THEY APPOINTED BRUTAL SLAVE DRIVERS OVER THEM, HOPING TO WEAR THEM DOWN WITH CRUSHING LABOR. THEY FORCED THEM TO BUILD THE CITIES OF PITHOM AND RAMESES AS SUPPLY CENTERS FOR THE KING.

MOSES & さまらじち

- ·Saved from death as an infant
- ·Left a royal position to identify with God's people
- ·Faced rejection by those he came to save
 - Mediator between God and His people
 - ·Performed miracles to confirm God's authority
 - -Chosen from birth to deliver God's people
 - ·Established a covenant with God's people

EXODUS 2:10

LATER, WHEN THE BOY WAS OLDER, HIS MOTHER BROUGHT HIM BACK TO PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, WHO ADOPTED HIM AS HER OWN SON. THE PRINCESS NAMED HIM MOSES, FOR SHE EXPLAINED, "I LIFTED HIM OUT OF THE WATER."



EXODUS 2:23-25

YEARS PASSED, AND THE KING OF EGYPT DIED. BUT THE ISRAELITES CONTINUED TO GROAN UNDER THEIR BURDEN OF SLAVERY. THEY CRIED OUT FOR HELP, AND THEIR CRY ROSE UP TO GOD. 24 GOD HEARD THEIR GROANING, AND HE REMEMBERED HIS COVENANT PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB. HE LOOKED DOWN ON THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND KNEW IT WAS TIME TO ACT.

EXODUS 3:1

ONE DAY MOSES WAS TENDING THE FLOCK OF HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, JETHRO, THE PRIEST OF MIDIAN. HE LED THE FLOCK FAR INTO THE WILDERNESS AND CAME TO SINAI, THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD.



THERE THE ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM IN A BLAZING FIRE FROM THE MIDDLE OF A BUSH. MOSES STARED IN AMAZEMENT. THOUGH THE BUSH WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES, IT DIDN'T BURN UP. 3 "THIS IS AMAZING," MOSES SAID TO HIMSELF. "WHY ISN'T THAT BUSH BURNING UP? I MUST GO SEE IT."



4 WHEN THE LORD SAW MOSES COMING TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK, GOD CALLED TO HIM FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE BUSH, "MOSES! MOSES!" "HERE I AM!" MOSES REPLIED. 5 "DO NOT COME ANY CLOSER," THE LORD WARNED. "TAKE OFF YOUR SANDALS, FOR YOU ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.



6 I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER -THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB." WHEN MOSES HEARD THIS, HE COVERED HIS FACE BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID TO LOOK AT GOD. 7 THEN THE LORD TOLD HIM, "I HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE IN EGYPT.



I HAVE HEARD THEIR CRIES OF DISTRESS BECAUSE OF THEIR HARSH SLAVE DRIVERS. YES, I AM AWARE OF THEIR SUFFERING. ... 10 NOW GO, FOR I AM SENDING YOU TO PHARAOH. YOU MUST LEAD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT."









MOSES PROTESTS:

3:11 Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?

3:13 They will ask me, 'What is his, name?' Then what should I tell them?

4:1 What if they won't believe me or listen to me?

. 4:10 I'm not very good with words.

4:13 "Lord, please! Send anyone else."



GOD ANSWERS AND EMPOWERS!

3:12 I will be with you.

3:14 Say this to the people of Israel:

"I AM has sent me to you."

4:5 "Perform this sign," the Lord told him. "Then they will believe."

4:12 Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.

4:14 All right," he said. "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he speaks well.