

## THE OPPORTUNITY OF ADVERSITY

Exodus 6: 1-13

It has been said, “A person's true nature is revealed at times of the greatest Adversity.”

Our main points will be

- Adversity reveals His character
- Adversity re-affirms His faithfulness
- Adversity shows us His power

### ADVERSITY REVEALS HIS CHARACTER

**Many times, we respond like Moses to the “set-backs” in our own lives, especially if we feel like God is calling us to something.**

As believers we need to remember that anything meaningful we do in life or for the Lord will always be met with adversity.

*Psalm 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

*Genesis 16:13 You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees*

### ADVERSITY RE-AFFIRMS HIS FAITHFULLNESS vv5-8

God demonstrated His faithfulness to His people by showing them He was committed to fulfilling the promise through the things He did for them. *Deuteronomy 4:34 (NLT) Has any other god dared to take a nation for himself out of another nation by means of trials, miraculous signs, wonders, war, a strong hand, a powerful arm, and terrifying acts? Yet that is what the Lord your God did for you in Egypt, right before your eyes.*

*Hebrews 6:17-18 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.*

**The word consolation means** “a comfort received by a person after a loss or disappointment”. This is what God’s promises are to us!

*Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

It takes faith to believe the promises of God, and even if it seems like things aren’t working out.....

### ADVERSITY SHOWS US HIS POWER vv9-13

**When we allow sin to enslave us, over time we adopt the mindset of a slave as well. We begin to think, “I’ll never be free from this”, “I’ll never have value”, “I’ll never have purpose”.** **This is not the mentality of people destined to experience the glory of God.** These are lies that satan wants us to believe.

*Romans 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*