## HELP! Exodus 2:16-25 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. <sup>17</sup> Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock. <sup>18</sup> When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?" <sup>19</sup> They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock." <sup>20</sup> "And where is he?" Reuel asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat." <sup>21</sup> Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. <sup>22</sup> Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land." <sup>23</sup> During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. <sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Exodus 2:16-25 (NIV)

1. The desire to help <u>COMES</u> from <u>GOD</u>.

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Exodus 2:16-17 (NIV)

"For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves."

Luke 22:27 (ESV)

## 2. God WORKS THROUGH us when we help.

When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?" <sup>19</sup> They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

Exodus 2:18-19 (NIV)

"And where is he?" Reuel asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat." <sup>21</sup> Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.

Exodus 2:20-21 (NIV)

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* 

3. God <u>SHAPES</u> our <u>FAITH</u> and redirects our lives as we help.

Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

Exodus 2:22 (NIV)

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. <sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Exodus 2:23-25 (NIV)