

# **GOD'S SOVEREIGN PREPARATION**

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Exodus 2

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## **INTRODUCTION: GOD'S UNCONVENTIONAL METHODS OF TRAINING**

Chapter 1: God is sovereign in hard times of suffering.

Chapter 2: God is sovereign in preparing the man who will act on His behalf.

Chapter 2: God is sovereign in long times of waiting.

**Proposition:** God works in mysterious ways to prepare His people so that they will be ready to accomplish His purposes.

### **I. GOD RAISES A PRINCE OF EGYPT, VV. 1-11**

#### **Acts 7:20-21**

At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family. When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son.

#### **Hebrews 11:23**

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

### **A. AUTHORIZED CARE**

#### **1. Relationship With Mom and Family**

## 2. Discipleship by Parents?

### B. THE ADOPTED PRINCE

Thutmose I

Hatshepsut

Thutmose II

Thutmose III.

Amenemhat

#### **Acts 7:22**

Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

#### **Hebrews 11:24-26**

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

## **II. GOD HUMBLER THE PRINCE , VV. 12-22**

#### **Acts 7:23-29**

When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not. The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?'

"But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.

### A. MOSES TAKES CHARGE

#### **1 Peter 5:5b**

God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Joshua 23:9-11

## B. MOSES FORCED TO FLEE

? Is God an egomaniac?

Exodus 7:1

## III. GOD'S PURPOSE STANDS, VV. 23-25

### A. MEANWHILE, ISRAEL IS STILL ENSLAVED

1. The People Groaned
2. The People Cried for Help

Genesis 15:18-21

#### **Psalm 13:1**

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?

### B. MEANWHILE, GOD REMAINS SOVEREIGN

1. God Heard

#### **1 Peter 3:12**

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

2. God Remembered

- a. Not brought to mind

#### **Isaiah 40:28**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

#### **Isaiah 49:15**

"Can a woman forget her nursing child And have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you..." declares the Lord...

- b. Rather to take particular consideration as a precursor to action

### **Genesis 8:1**

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

### 3. He Saw

#### **Proverbs 15:3**

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

#### **Psalms 34:15**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.

### 4. He knew

Psalms 139:1-6

#### **Psalms 56:8**

You have taken account of my miseries; Put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?

## **CONCLUSION: DON'T DESPISE THE WORK OF PREPARATION**

God is sovereign in hard times of suffering.

God is sovereign in long times of waiting.

God is particular about whom He uses and how He prepares them for use.

Zechariah 4:10

#### **James 1:2**

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

## **APPLICATION**

? Why are you on earth?

? What is God preparing you to do?