

EXODUS 4 & 5

20,000 FEET ABOVE EXODUS IS WHAT WE ARE CALLING THIS SERIES. WE ARE HITTING ON ALL OF THE SIGNIFICANT POINTS OF THIS BOOK. I'M EXCITED TO GO THROUGH CHAPTERS 4 & 5 WITH YOU BECAUSE WE SEE MOSES AND THE ISREALITES IN ALL OF THEIR HUMANESS. WE TEND TO THINK THESE HEROES OF THE BIBLE ARE SINLESS AND SUPER ANOINTED. THE TRUTH IS, THEY ARE JUST LIKE YOU AND I...BROKEN AND SCARED...FULL OF FAITH THEN NO FAITH...OBEDIENT AND DEFIANT...SOUND FAMILIAR?

GIVE QUICK RECAP UP TO THIS POINT

TODAY, WE PICK IT UP IN CHAPTER 4. GOD IS GIVING MOSES INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT HE IS TO SAY AND DO WHEN HE GOES BACK TO EGYPT. GOD IS SPEAKING OUT OF A BURNING BUSH IN THE DESERT WHERE MOSES IS TENDING SHEEP. GOD HAS ALREADY SHOWED MOSES THE MIRACLES THAT HE WILL PERFORM IN FRONT OF THE HEBREW ELDERS

THE STAFF....LEPROSY

MOSES....THE GENERAL OF FAITH... DENIES THE CALL OF GOD

Exodus 4:10-12 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁰ Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

¹¹ The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight

or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

GOD IS LITERALLY TELLING MOSES...I GOT YOU.
JUST OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND I'LL DO THE REST

HE SAYS THE SAME THING TO YOU AND I TODAY FRIENDS.
YOU MAY FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE
YOU MAY FEEL LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT GOD
TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS.....WELL... JUST LIKE
MOSES...YOUR WRONG...JUST OPEN YOUR MOUTH

HAVE YOU EVER WALKED AWAY FROM A CONVERSATION
WHEN YOU SHARED YOUR FAITH AND THOUGHT
“WOW!! THAT WAS GOOD STUFF!!”

AFTER SHOWING MOSES THE MIRACLES HE WAS TO
PERFORM, AFTER TELLING HIM...I WILL SPEAK FOR YOU...
HERE IS MOSES'S REPLY

Exodus 4:13-14 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

¹⁴ Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you.

NOTICE HOW GOD BURNS WITH ANGER BUT HE'S ALREADY
SUMMONED AARON. IT WAS MOSES'S LACK OF FAITH THAT

BUMMED GOD OUT. THIS CHOICE OF MOSES DID NOT,
HOWEVER THROW GOD OFF TRACK OF HIS PURPOSE

WE PUT OUR SHORTCOMINGS ON THE ALTER OF WORSHIP

OUR LACK OF FAITH MAY FRUSTRATE GOD BUT HIS PURPOSE
AND HIS PLAN WILL COME TO FRUITION...EVEN IF HE HAS TO
USE SOMEONE ELSE. GOD STILL LOVES US.....HIS PLAN AND
HIS LOVE ARE 2 DIFFERENT THINGS

SO MOSES TIED UP HIS LOOSE ENDS, PACKED UP HIS FAMILY
AND SPLIT FOR EGYPT

EXAMPLE OF TEENAGER CLEANING THEIR ROOM

Exodus 4:21-23 New International Version (NIV)

²¹ The LORD said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. ²² Then say to Pharaoh, “This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, ²³ and I told you, “Let my son go, so he may worship me.” But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.”

NO WONDER MOSES WAS SCARED... THAT IS A TALL ORDER

ONE THING GOD EXPECTS FROM HIS KIDS...IF YOUR GOING
TO TALK THE TALK...YOU BETTER WALK THE WALK

AGAIN MOSES FIGHTS THE INEVITABLE

EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMCISION OF ABRAHAM

Exodus 4:24-26 New International Version (NIV)

24 At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met Moses^[a] and was about to kill him. **25** But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it.^[b] "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. **26** So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.)

SINCE ABRAHAM...THE COVENANT WAS
CIRCUMCISION...MOSES WAS NOT
CIRCUMCISED...REMEMBER, HE GREW UP IN THE PALACE
WITH PHARAOH, ALSO HIS SON WAS NOT CIRCUMCISED

GOD WAS GOING TO KILL HIM FOR THIS !!!

IF MOSES WAS GOING TO REPRESENT THE LORD...HE
NEEDED TO WALK THE WALK...AND HE WASN'T

2ND THING I WANT YOU TO SEE IS....THE VALUE OF HAVING A
GODLY WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE. ZIPPORAH SAVED HIM WITH
QUICK ACTION. SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T CIRCUMCISE MOSES
BECAUSE THEY HAD TO TRAVEL. MEN ARE BABIES WHEN IT
COMES TO PAIN AND THEY HAD A LOG WAY TO GO. SMART
MOVE ZIPPORAH

THEY FINALLY GET TO EGYPT

Exodus 4:29-31 New International Version (NIV)

29 Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, **30** and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, **31** and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was

concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

REMEMBER THIS AS WE GO INTO CHAPTER 5
EVERYONE WAS EXCITED TO BE DELIVERED..EVERYONE
BELIEVED GOD AT HIS WORD....AT THIS MOMENT

A MOVE OF GOD IS EMOTIONAL...PRESSING THROUGH UNTIL
YOU GET THE BREAKTHROUGH, THAT'S SOMETHING
DIFFERENT

Exodus 5:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

5 Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.’”

2 Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go.”

SO FINALLY THE DAY HAS COME FOR MOSES TO FULFILL
GOD'S COMMAND AND IT GOES HORRIBLE....HE PROBABLY
PROJECTED SEVERAL OUTCOMES IN THE PREVIOUS DAYS

I MEAN, THE LORD SAID HE WOULD DELIVER HIS PEOPLE
RIGHT? I'LL TALK TO PHARAOH AND HE'LL
UNDERSTAND...AFTER ALL, I GREW UP IN THAT PALACE

PHARAOH DIDN'T JUST DENY THEM, HE WAS OFFENDED

Exodus 5:6-8 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people: ⁷ “You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. ⁸ But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don’t reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’

THANKS A LOT MOSES!! CAN YOU QUIT HELPING PLEASE

THINGS GOT WORSE...WAY WORSE

HAVE YOU EVER PRAYED FOR SOMETHING OR SOMEONE
AND THINGS SEEMED TO GET WORSE?

HAVE YOU EVER PRAYED FOR BREAKTHROUGH AND IT GOT
WORSE?

YOUR DOING WHAT YOUR SUPPOSED TO DO
YOUR PRAYING EVERYDAY...READING YOUR BIBLE
YOU’VE CHANGED SOME MAJOR THINGS IN YOUR LIFE FOR
JESUS.....AND WHAM!!!! YOUR LIFE SEEMS TO SPIN OUT OF
CONTROL

SHARE EXAMPLE OF MARRIAGE IF YOU HAVE TIME

THE ISREALITES HAD WORSHIPPED GOD WHEN THEY SAW
THE SIGNS AND WONDERS THAT MOSES PERFORMED
AND NOW

Exodus 5:19-21 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹ The Israelite overseers realized they were in trouble when they were told, “You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.” ²⁰ When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, ²¹ and they said, “May the LORD look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

GUESS WHO ELSE FORGOT THE PROMISE OF GOD?

Exodus 5:22-23 New International Version (NIV)

²² Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? ²³ Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”

GOD EVEN TOLD MOSES “I WILL HARDEN PHARAOH’S HEART”

SO SOON WE FORGET THE PROMISE OF GOD

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN GOD’S PROMISE TO YOU?

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A PROMISE...THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU IS EVIDENCE OF THAT PROMISE

John 16:33 New International Version (NIV)

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 New International Version (NIV)

²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. ²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

ARE YOU WAITING FOR THINGS TO GET BETTER?

WHAT IF THEY GET WORSE?

WILL YOU STILL CONTINUE IN THE FAITH?

AS WE CONTINUE THROUGH EXODUS YOU WILL SEE THAT THE ISRAELITES HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH PLAUGES AGAINST THE EGYPTIANS

THINGS GOT WAY WORSE BEFORE THEY GOT BETTER

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

OUR EXODUS IS OUR SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST

WE MAY HAVE TO ENDURE SOME HELL DOWN HERE ON EARTH UNTIL HE TAKES US HOME.

I PRAY FOR BETTER DAYS... I DO... BUT WE MUST BE PREPARED

THERE IS GOOD NEWS THOUGH

WE WIN