

SERMON NOTES

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We are in a series on the Book of Exodus from the Old Testament. Why study this book? For one, it's simply an epic Bible story of good versus evil. And, as far as the Jewish people are concerned, it is the "greatest story ever told." But even more, the themes of this book help us better understand the great salvation that has come to us through the Cross of Christ. In the book of Exodus we meet our great God; "the" One True and Living God who sets us free so we can live free in a loving relationship with him.

We have all had seasons in our lives where we asked God for something and God just would not do it. At one time or another, we've all felt like God was *inattentive*, *uncooperative*, or maybe even *late*. It's easy to start thinking that the reason God is inattentive, uncooperative, or late is because we're at fault or something is wrong with us, especially when we see God answering other people's prayers and doing great things for them and not us.

What do you do when you feel like God has let you down? What do you do when you feel like God is inattentive, uncooperative and late and you're just left hanging? We find an answer in the Book of Exodus, in a story about a man named Moses who God used in a great way.

Summary of Exodus 2:11-25

- Moses sees an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, and, thinking no one is looking, kills the Egyptian man.
- As Moses realizes people saw him, he flees to the land of Midian.
- The entire story isn't told in Exodus 2, but these passages tell more of the story:
 - **Acts 7:20-29**
 - **Hebrews 11:24-26**
- While in Midian, Moses saves the seven daughters of a man named Jethro, who were being attacked by shepherds.
- Moses marries one of the daughters, has a son, and names him *Gershom*, which means "Foreigner," to remind him that he has become a stranger in a strange land.
- Moses lived large in Egypt, but now he has lost his identity.

When you feel like God has let you down, it's very easy to shrink your life down to the size of your life. When you go through a hard time, it's very easy to effectively shrink God down smaller

than the size of our problems. Moses that felt that way, and so did the entire nation of Israel. They felt that God had let them down.

But is that the case? No. God hears their groaning and their cries. He remembers the promises that he made to Abraham and acts according to his covenant promises in a way that is evident to his people. He acts just at the right time, even though the “right time” to them would have been much sooner. God sees their pain, the oppression they have lived under, and how that has shrunken the lives of his people down to the size of a slave’s life, and *God knew*.

And just like the Israelites, God has not forgotten you. He has not been inattentive to your cries. He may have been silent, but He’s never left you alone. He’s not late, even though it might seem that way. **Your personal circumstances are not a reflection of how God feels about you.**

Proof of how God feels about you is found in the Cross. The cross forever stands as the monument of God’s limitless love for you.

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1. **Look Back and Remember.**

Think back to a time when God came through for you in a very real and tangible way which radically transformed your life. God was real then and he is real now, but now, it’s not in a way you can see yet.

2. **Look Outside and Reflect.**

You can reflect on a passage of Scripture like this and realize that the same God that was personal to Moses and to all of Israel knows you and cares for you and loves you regardless of what he’s letting you go through.

In the Book of Matthew, Jesus said to John the Baptist, **“Blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” (Matthew 11:6)** He is saying, “Blessed is everyone and anyone who does not stumble, fall away, lose faith, give up hope because of me.”

God is paying attention. He sees, hears, and cares. He knows your name and your circumstances. There is a promise, that if you remain faithful in spite of what Jesus has or hasn’t done for you lately, that you will be blessed. God is saying, **“Blessing is coming to you when you remain faithful to me, when you can’t make sense of me.”** Your personal circumstances are not a reflection of how God feels about you. The Cross of Jesus forever stands as proof of God’s limitless love for you.

For Discussion:

1. Can you think of a time where you felt let down and it seemed like God was *inattentive, uncooperative, or late*?
2. Did it feel like your entire existence was narrowed down to that circumstance?
3. Think back and remember a time where God came through for you in a real way.