



Weekend GATHERINGS

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“Timing, Training, and Growth”



Exodus 1:6-8



6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. **7** But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly;



Exodus 1:6-8



they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.
⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And they oppressed them.



Exodus 1:12



But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel.





“Let My people go.”



Exodus 5:17-18



17 But he said, “You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’”

18 Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks.”



Exodus 5:21



...they said to them,
“The Lord look on you
and judge, because you
have made us stink in the
sight of Pharaoh and his
servants, and have put a
sword in their hand to kill us.”



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**God's timing
is perfect;
it can be trusted.**



Exodus 12:40-41



40 The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years. **41** At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.



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So what?



Mark 13:32



**But concerning that day
or that hour, no one knows,
not even the angels in
heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father.**





“Bryce, My time is set by Me. You don’t need to live in fear. I have things under control. I know the day and hour that things will come to fruition.”



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Matthew 6:34



**Therefore, do not be
anxious about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will be
anxious for itself.
Sufficient for the day
is its own trouble.**





So, whatever will happen leading up to the end of the world, it has been determined by God. Rather than living in fear, let's trust His timing and thrive where we are as lights for Him!





**God's training
is controlled;
we can trust Him.**





**First, how did they
end up there?**



Exodus 13:21



And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.



Exodus 13:17-18



17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.”



Exodus 13:17-18



18 But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle.



1 Corinthians 10:13 (MSG)



No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.





**Does the promise of
God's controlled
training mean you
will never experience
stretching and fear?**

NO!



Exodus 14:10-11a,12b



10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.



Exodus 14:10-11a,12b



11a They said to Moses,
“Is it because there are
no graves in Egypt that
you have taken us away
to die in the wilderness?”



Exodus 14:10-11a,12b



12b ...it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”



Mark 4:38-40



38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”



Mark 4:38-40



39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.



Mark 4:38-40



40 He said to them,
“Why are you so afraid?
Have you still no faith?”



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Why are these two nuggets so critical?





God expects
us to grow.



Deuteronomy 8:2-3,5



2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these 40 years in the wilderness, that He might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.



Deuteronomy 8:2-3,5



3 And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, ...that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.



Deuteronomy 8:2-3,5



5 Know then in your hearts that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you.





How do we sum up our faith journey?



Deuteronomy 6:4-7



4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.



Deuteronomy 6:4-7



7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise.



Deuteronomy 6:20-22



20 When your son asks you in time to come, “What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?”



Deuteronomy 6:20-22



21 Then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.'



Deuteronomy 6:20-22



22 And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharoah, and all his household, before our eyes.”





**God wants our kids to
believe His activity,
trust and grow as well!**





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