

## Plagued by Troubles (Moses)

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## Misery for God's people

## 1. <u>Trouble</u> in Egypt

- Slavery
- No <u>straw</u>
- Moses is blamed

<sup>8</sup> Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, "Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. <sup>10</sup> We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country." **Exodus 1:8-10** NLT

<sup>19</sup> "But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand forces him. <sup>20</sup> So I will raise my hand and strike the Egyptians, performing all kinds of miracles among them. Then at last he will let you go. **Exodus 3:19-20** NLT

<sup>22</sup> Then Moses went back to the LORD and protested, "Why have you brought all this trouble on your own people, Lord? Why did you send me? <sup>23</sup> Ever since I came to Pharaoh as your spokesman, he has been even more brutal to your people. And you have done nothing to rescue them!"

**Exodus 5:22-23** NLT

<sup>2</sup> And God said to Moses, "I am Yahweh—'the LORD.' I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El-Shaddai—'God Almighty' But I did not reveal my name, Yahweh, to them. <sup>4</sup> And I reaffirmed my covenant with them. Under its terms, I promised to give them the land of Canaan, where they were living as foreigners. <sup>5</sup> You can be sure that I have heard the groans of the people of Israel, who are now slaves to the Egyptians. And I am well aware of my covenant with them. <sup>9</sup> So Moses told the people of Israel what the LORD had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery.

**Exodus 6:2-5, 9** NLT

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

Revelation 21:4 NLT

## 2. God's promise

- I see your trouble
- I remember my promise
- <u>Discouragement</u> wins
- God still delivers on his promise

Next Steps:
☐ Re-read today's Bible story (Exodus 5 & 6)
☐ Pray for me. I am having a hard time seeing God working in my troubles.
☐ I will trust in God even when I can't see how he will deliver me
☐ Commit to praise God and be faithful to him in the midst of troubles and hardships