



Fountain of Life Covenant Church  
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Sermon Notes: Call & Response!

Scripture: Exodus 2:24-25

New International Version

*Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.*

~ Isaiah 65:24

Exodus ~

1. Book about the miraculous escape of Israel from Egyptian bondage;
2. The revelation of God Almighty to His disenfranchised people as one God;
3. People who are pursued by God for the purpose of intimate relationship via the covenant.

\*Kill the boys, but keep the girls. (Rape, commerce, power, domination) ~ This is what they cried about...the least of which was hard work. God's move was a move of justice!

- Exodus spans many years (Joseph's death...Moses' birth)
- Groaning
- Heard/Remembered ~ Heard (Shama) and Remembered (both preterits)
- Shama (...responding to what is heard/ or obeyed)... God 'responded'
- Zakhar (remembered)... = to begin to act on the basis of what is remembered...+ **NOT** simply "recollecting" [God is omniscient & all-knowing]
- Israel groaned, and cried out to God
- God heard, remembered His covenant, looked @ Israel and took notice (yada) of them.
- God had remembered BEFORE they called to him. Provision has already been made.



- Repetition of God (4x) ~ Israelites were foreigners, but so was God to them!  
[This was a **reintroduction**]
  - God heard
  - God Remembered covenant
  - God saw
  - God understood/knew/perceived (yada)

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- ✓ Israel prospered well in Egypt and became a threat.
- ✓ God Almighty initiates revival! (They cried... But he foreknew their groaning)
- ✓ Bad king died (Exodus 2:23) and they cried. (***Knew it was time for a shift***) ~ Didn't know Joseph or his significance in history! (Lord, tell them Who you are in me!) XXX But God knew who they were & what he was about to do through them!
- ✓ This story is about God calling to God's children and they responded...God is **NOT** actually responding to them because God had already moved before they cried out.
- ✓ We see that:
  - God is proactive
  - God is near those who suffer
  - The sequence of the story is pretty amazing. I sometimes forget the order. Moses is already threatened, rescued, weaned, educated, empowered, murderous, absconded, married, a dad... **before** they cry out to God. (Meanwhile... Back at the ranch.)
- ✓ Could it be that "their" voice was one-in-the-same as Abraham's voice...which was really just a regurgitation of God's promises and covenant.
- God was near his people!



- ✓ What looked like destruction to the Egyptians was the beginning of revival to the Israelites!
  - ✓ Moses~ Pharaoh called him a threat and target for genocide; His mother called him a special child; Miriam, his sister, called him baby bro; Pharaoh's daughter called him a Hebrew boy who was lost, and then named him Moses; the King of Egypt eventually called him son; the Hebrews called him sir...before calling him murderer; Pharaoh then called him a criminal; Moses called himself a runaway; The daughters of Ruel in Midian called him "*That Egyptian man who fought their bullies*"; the priest of Midian called him a shepherd; Moses called himself the father of Gershom (a foreigner in a foreign land...lost/wandering/purposeless.) But God Almighty called him Moses, Moses (2x)...and called him son by telling him that it was God Almighty, the God of his ancestors....finally giving Moses his true identity ~ thereby revealing God to Moses...and revealing Moses to Moses.
  - ✓ God then told Moses that He's heard the cry of his people and would use Moses, his son of the covenant, to rescue God's people and bring justice!
  - ✓ A shake up was about to happen and it began with a revelation of God and a renewal of Moses!
  - ✓ What is God about to shake up in you?!
  - The system that tried to destroy the infant Moses and grown Moses, along with God's covenantal people, couldn't find or harm Moses.
  - God might be using you to destroy the system that was designed to destroy you!!
  - ✓ Moses was **covenantal** and **providential**
    - Covenantal ~ A historic blood-tie with God
    - Providential ~ Occurring at a favorable time; involving divine foresight or intervention
  - \*He was loved by God and trained by the Egyptians...he was a double threat!
  - In other words Pharaoh's daughter didn't find lost baby Moses; God smuggled Moses into Egypt to give him world-class training for dismantling Egypt's world dominance and cruelty towards God's chosen people.
- Pharaoh's daughter found Moses on accident and found a purpose for him; God had a purpose for Moses and went looking for him!