

MESSAGE NOTES
Exodus: When God Show Up
FRUITFUL IN THE FIRE
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Exodus 1 *These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; ³ Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; ⁴ Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. ⁵ The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶ Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, ⁷ but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.*

1. Adversity can present itself at **ANY TIME** in our lives.

Exodus 1 ⁸ *Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”*

“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.” John 16:33

2. The enemy seeks to **BREAK OUR SPIRIT** through hardship.

Exodus 1 ¹¹ *So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.*

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
John 10:10*

3. Yet, even amidst our deepest suffering, **GOD IS WITH US**.

Exodus 1 ¹² *But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”*

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

4. He gives us the **COURAGE** to be fruitful in the fire.

Exodus 1 ¹⁷ *The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.* ¹⁸ *Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"* ¹⁹ *The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."* ²⁰ *So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous.* ²¹ *And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.*

Exodus 1 ²² *Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."*

**All scripture in NIV unless specified*

ACTION STEPS:

Read **Exodus Chapter 1**

Ask God to give you the strength to face whatever trial you're facing.

Invite someone to church.