

There is a Way Out!

Part #1 – “Feeling Overwhelmed?”

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“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery ...”

(Exodus 20:2)

Text: Exodus 1

Overwhelming Story #1 – The Tribe of Jacob **(Exodus 1:1-7)**

Liberating Truth(s)

→ An overwhelming truth is that sometimes God calls us to a ***place*** we wouldn't choose and to a role that brings discomfort... and that is where we bear the most ***fruit***.

→ When we are overwhelmed, we lose sight of the truth that says: ***“What God leads me into ... he can lead me out of.”***

→ When we are overwhelmed, we doubt whether God will keep his ***promises!*** Will there ever be a better day?

“He took him outside and said, ‘Look up at the heavens and count the stars – if indeed you can count them’. Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’”

(Genesis 5:15)

Overwhelming Story #2 – The Pharaoh of Egypt **(Exodus 1:8-14)**

Liberating Truth(s)

→ When we are feeling overwhelmed, we feel ***threatened*** by our circumstances, and this always comes from an insecure self-concept.

→ When we are feeling overwhelmed, we forget the ***past***.

→ When we are feeling overwhelmed, we fumble our way by trying to ***control*** outcomes, which can lead to destruction.

Overwhelming Story #3 – The Hebrew Midwives **(Exodus 1:15-19)**

Liberating Truth(s)

→ When we are feeling overwhelmed, we have decisions to make about ‘who to ***listen*** to’.

→ When we are feeling overwhelmed, we have a choice to make about ‘who to ***fear***’.

Overwhelming Story #4 – God (Exodus 1:20-22)

Liberating Truth(s)

→ God is ***never*** overwhelmed!

→ God overwhelms us with his kindness and generosity.