
GOD'S WEAPONS for TRANSFORMATION

Part 4 – The Refining Fire of God's Presence

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Then the Lord told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering.

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**A Recap of Last Week's
Message...**

Moses was exactly where he needed to be, at exactly the right time he needed to be there, in order to receive God's call to meet Him face to face in the burning bush.

**What this also means is
that Moses had ALWAYS
been where he needed
to be, when he needed
to be there.**

Moses' Uncontrollable Life Circumstances:

- **Born into slavery**
- **Born in a time of infanticide**
- **Separated from his Israelite family**
- **Raised by the Egyptians, who enslaved his people.**

Moses' Life of Suffering

- He grew up not really knowing who he was.
- Grew up watching how the Egyptians treated the Israelites.
- He went from the palace of Egypt to being a fugitive.
- From a lavish lifestyle to now living as a lowly shepherd.

Principle #1

Wherever you find yourself today, you're exactly where you need to be, at exactly the right time you need to be there, in order to receive God's call to meet Him face to face in this season of your life.

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Why is God consistently working to bring you face to face with Him?





**The POWER of GOD'S PRESENCE is a
Refining Fire**

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It is God's perfect will and good pleasure to reveal to you, who you really are. God desires to share with you the reality of your God Breathed Identity.

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Principle #3

If you will allow God to show you, you will learn that the ways you are broken and the ways you have suffered, are expressions of your uniqueness as much as they are an expression of your anointing in the Kingdom of God.

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Moses' Identity Crisis

**Moses couldn't truly know his
God Breathed Identity or his
Kingdom purpose, until he came
face to face with God's Presence,
and the Refining Fire of His Love.**

Moses' Identity Crisis

**Just like many people today,
Moses interpreted his identity,
value, worth, and purpose
through his negative past
experiences, his presently bleak
circumstances, and his seemingly
dim future.**

At the Burning Bush

Moses came face to face with the misperceptions, lies, and wrong conclusions that he had come to believe about Himself, about God, and about his life.

Moses the Victor NOT Victim

- **Moses was the only male baby that survived death in the Nile River.**
- **Moses was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter & grew up in the palace.**
- **Moses' parents raised their son in his early years & were paid for it.**
- **Moses was given the best education available in the world.**

Moses' Growth, Transformation and Preparation by God:

- **He learned the limits of his power**
- **Experienced rejection from those he was trying to save.**
- **Became a husband and a father.**
- **He became a shepherd.**
- **As a fugitive, he was led to the place he would meet God face to face.**

Principle #4

God is in the business of exposing the misperceptions, misinterpretations and lies that you have come to believe about yourself, which are contrary to your unique, God Breathed Identity.

Moses' Questions & Statements

Exodus 3:11

But Moses said to God, “Who am I
that I should go to Pharaoh and
bring the children of Israel out of
Egypt?”

Translation: What makes you think
I can do this? I can't!

Exodus 3:13

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘*What is his name?*’ what shall I say to them?”

Translation: “Who are you?”

Exodus 4:1

Then Moses answered, “But behold, *they will not believe me or listen to my voice*, for they will say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you.’”

Translation: I am a nobody and I have no credibility, why would anyone believe me?

Exodus 4:10

But Moses said to the Lord, “Oh, my Lord, *I am not eloquent*, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but *I am slow of speech and of tongue.*”

Translation: I don't have the gifts or abilities to do what you are asking of me.

Exodus 4:13

But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please
send someone else.”

Principle #5

Your God Breathed Identity isn't based on who you are or who you can become in your power, it is based on who He is and who He designed you to be.

Principle #6

Fulfilling your Kingdom purpose isn't based on what you'll do, what you've done or what you're doing, it is based on what God will do, what God has done, and what God will do through you!

Moses'

Misunderstanding

of God's Plan

God's "I" Statements

v.7 "I have seen", "I have heard",
and "I am aware of their sufferings".

v.8 "I will rescue them" and "I will
lead them to the promised land".

v.9 "I have seen how harshly the
Egyptians abuse them".

v.10 "I am sending you".

God's "I" Statements

v.12 "I will be with you", "I am the one who has sent you".

v.14 "I AM WHO I AM", "tell them I AM has sent me to you".

v.15 "Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent *you to them*."

God's "I" Statements

v.16 "I have been watching closely, and I see how the Egyptians are treating *my people*."

v.17 "I have promised to rescue you" and "I will lead you to a land flowing with milk and honey".

God's "I" Statements

v.19 "I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand forces him."

v.20 "I will raise my hand and strike the Egyptians, performing all kinds of miracles among them."

God's "I" Statements

4.v.12 "Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say."

Principle #7

Growing into your God Breathed Identity requires ongoing genuine encounters with God, so that He can continue to reveal to you who you were created to be.

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