



THE STORY OF MOSES

PREVIOUSLY...

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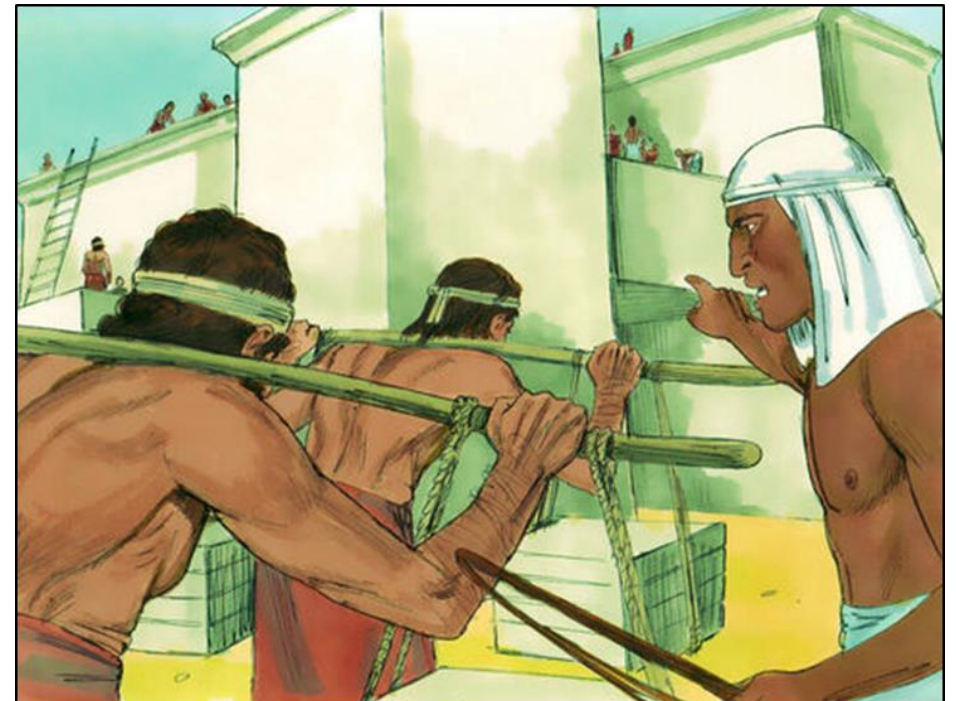
PREVIOUSLY...

Exodus 33:15

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

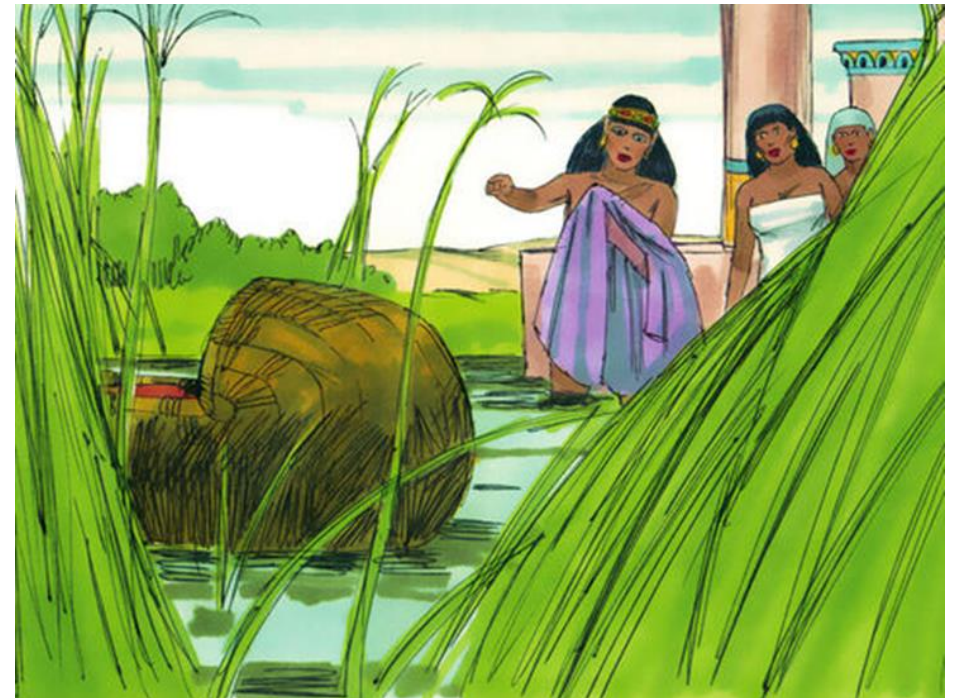
GOD'S PEOPLE WITHOUT HOPE

- At the start of this story the children of Israel are welcomed visitors to Egypt
- Now they have become despised and suppressed, even in danger for their lives and without hope.



HOPE IN A CHANGING WORLD

- It is easy to regard pain and joy as opposites, when they are so often inseparably connected.
(Pete Greig, Lectio 365)



THE CALL OF MOSES

- God gets Moses' attention
- God reveals his plans to Moses
- God calls Moses to participate



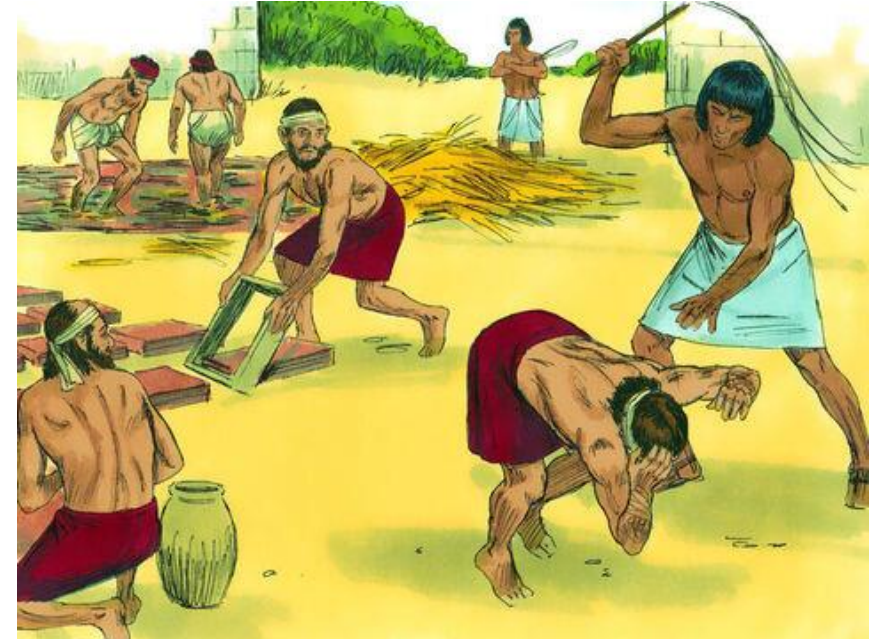
THE CALL OF MOSES

- We are worthy of the call
- God will be with us
- God will do what we can't do
- God will equip us for what we need to do
- God will put the right people alongside us.



THINGS DON'T GO TO PLAN

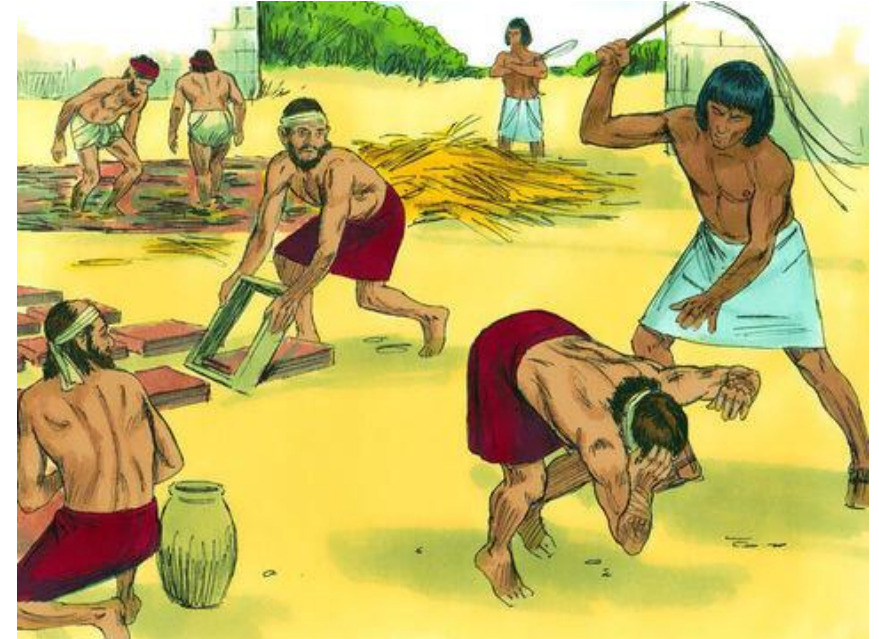
- Moses does everything right but then...
 - Pharaoh's heart grows harder
 - God's people rebel against Moses
 - Moses feels alone and vulnerable
- Things often get worse before they get better



THINGS DON'T GO TO PLAN

Romans 8:28 (TPT)

“So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfil his designed purpose.”



THE PLAGUES

- God turns up the heat on Pharaoh through increasingly severe plagues.
- After the final plague, the death of the firstborn, Pharaoh lets God's people go.



FREEDOM

- Fear not
- Stand firm
- See the salvation of the Lord



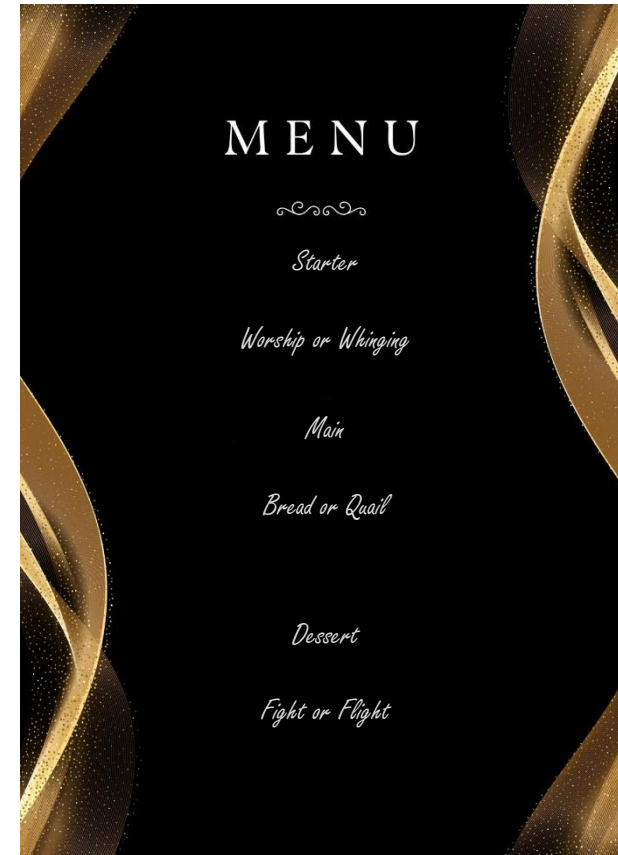
WILDERNESS

- It is not your final destination
- It is a place of testing, training and learning
- Key: *“Fear not, stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord.”*



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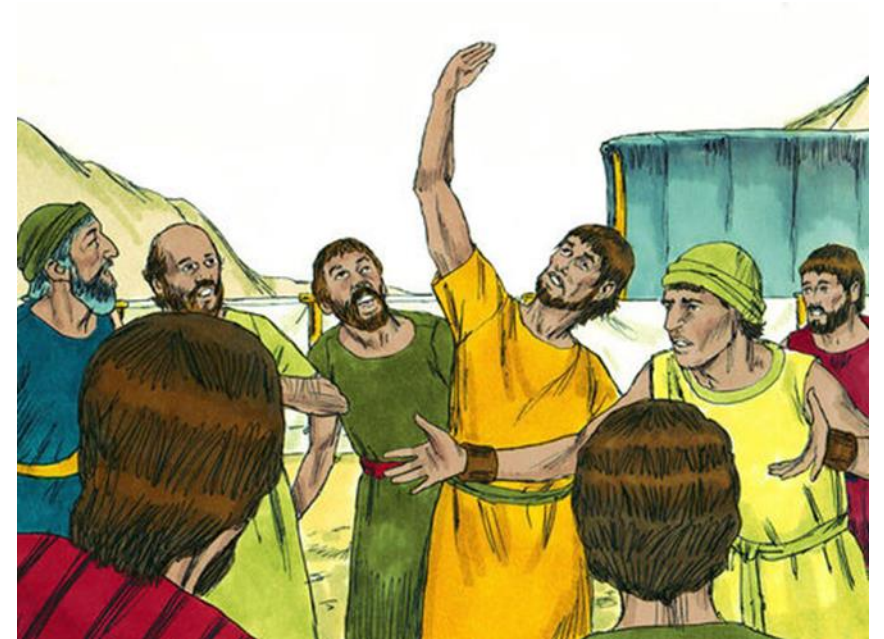
- Starter
 - Worship or Whinging
- Main Course
 - Bread or Quail
- To Finish
 - Fight or Flight



DECISION TIME

Temptations that stop us from taking the land

- Return to how things were
- Give in to fear
- Settle in the comfortable



COMING UP...

- Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16)
- Moses *[not]* speaking to the rock (Numbers 20)
- Balaam's Donkey (Numbers 22)
- Joshua sends spies (Joshua 2)
- Fall of Jericho (Joshua 6)