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MOSES: MORE THAN A MOVIE (1)

DIVINE DELAYS IN AN INSTANT WORLD

Message Notes

Text: Exodus 2:11-25

In an instant world we sometimes find it hard to accept that we can't have everything we want right now. There are often years of preparation: Waiting for the right time and doing the right thing in the mean time!

Acts 7:6-7, "God also told [Abraham] that his descendants would live in a foreign land, where they would be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. 'But I will punish the nation that enslaves them,' God said, 'and in the end they will come out and worship me here in this place.'"

Q. What is the purpose of divine delays? Why does God often make us wait?

1. Waiting develops character

James 1:2-4 *"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."*

Exodus 23:29, *"But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals would multiply and threaten you."*

2. Waiting maximizes blessing
(Acts 3)

3. Waiting develops relationship

Moses' relationship with God grew exponentially in 40 desert years

Exodus 6:2-3, *"And God said to Moses, 'I am Yahweh—'the Lord.' I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El-Shaddai—'God Almighty'—but I did not reveal my name, Yahweh, to them."*

4. Waiting recognizes sovereignty
(Exodus 5:1 – 6:13)

Have you ever noticed how God doesn't seem like he's in a hurry? He isn't!

Have you ever noticed that it takes God a long time to move suddenly?

Have you ever noticed how God seems to come through for you at the last minute? It wasn't! It was just the right time!

He is God and we are not. He has promised to make "everything beautiful in his time" – not ours (Ecclesiastes 3:11)