

Series: Would the REAL GOD please stand up!

Part Three: More Exit Signs

Sunday Feb. 26, 2017

TEXT: EXODUS 5, 6

1. Do we add to or take away from the script of what God asks us to do? Do we tend to view God and his commands positively or negatively? What does this say about us and our view of God?
2. Moses needed to be encouraged – so God reminded him of who He was and what He would do...
3. ...I am the Lord (v. 2)... I am God Almighty... (v. 3)... I am the Lord (v. 6)... I am the Lord your God (v. 7).
4. ...you will see what I will do to Pharaoh... (v. 1)... I will bring you out from under the yoke... I will free you... I will redeem you (v. 6)... I will take you as my own people... and I will be your God (v. 7)... I will bring you to a land... I will give it to you (v. 8).
5. El Shaddai = God is solid and unchangeable and powerful AND God is gentle and nourishing and caring.
6. *Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, who bore him Aaron and Moses...* (Ex. 6:20)

TAKEAWAYS

1. How will we manage tough times?
2. What's your genealogy?

TIME TO REFLECT

1. What has God done for you? What do these things say about who He is? How will you keep yourself mindful of who He is and what He has done for you during the tough time that you're going through or in the tough times to come?
2. What do you think holds you back from doing extraordinary things with God: fatigue, illness, age, gender, wealth...? How might you overcome these?

Study Notes

DISCUSSION

1. Talk about your most recent "spiritual high." What followed? How do you effectively manage your expectations about life without becoming paranoid that another BOOM is just around the corner?
2. God will bring the BOOM to Pharaoh (Ex. 7-10). Why do you think God needed to compel Pharaoh to change his mind (Ex. 3:19)?

BIBLE

3. Read Ex. 5:3. Why do you think Moses and Aaron added to the script?
4. Read Ex. 6:1-8 (the I AM and the I WILL passage). Why is it so important for us to continually root ourselves in the knowledge and experience of who God is and what He does for us?
5. El Shaddai. What does it mean to you that God is powerful AND gentle – as this name for God suggests?
6. Read James 1:2-4. How might this text help you to manage tough times?

APPLICATION

7. What has God done for you or around you (maybe even recently) that has revealed who He is to you?
8. What (if anything) has held you back recently from doing what you think God might be asking you to do? What will you do this week to overcome this barrier?