

EXODUS

God's Way Forward

SEASONS

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¹ Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in

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it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. ⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She

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opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said.

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⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" ⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed

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him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son.

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She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”

THREE NAMES. THREE SEASONS

Where are you?



MOSES

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Drawn out

She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.” Exodus 2:10



GERSHOM

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An alien here

Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, “I have become a foreigner in a foreign land.” EXODUS 2:22



ELIEZER

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My God is my helper

...and the other [son] was named Eliezer, for he said, “My father’s God was my helper; he saved me from the sword of Pharaoh. **EXODUS 18:4**

There's a strategy to our seasons...

Deep Before Wide

2 PETER 3:18

**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

There's a strategy to our seasons...

- Let every season shape you.



BEESON AND HUNSICKER
THE HIDDEN PRICE OF GREATNESS

What we may not realise is how large a collection of little disappointments we're accumulating—things we don't want to deal with, attitudes we think we shouldn't have, doubts about the goodness of God.



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The Lord doesn't want us weighed down with all that, so he allows the heat to be turned up in life's pressure cooker. He carefully watches the gauge, knowing exactly how much we can bear.



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As the pot boils, some poisonous gases start to bubble up. Reeling from the foul odor that permeates our lives, we cry, ‘Where did all this come from?’ Sometimes we discover we’ve been building a temple to God on a toxic waste dump of unresolved hurt.



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Then the Holy Spirit makes himself known to us as the refining fire rather than the gentle dove. He burns away the stench of rebellion, unforgiveness, pride—whatever is polluting our lives. He cauterizes the wound amid our screams. Finally he pours in the oil of healing a restores our joy.”

There's a strategy to our seasons...

- Let every season shape you.
- Never stop moving forward.

There's a sovereignty to our seasons...

PSALM 115:3

**Our God is in heaven;
he does whatever pleases him.**

There's a sovereignty to our seasons...

- God is always preparing us for something.

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

...it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

There's a sovereignty to our seasons...

- God is always preparing us for something.
- God handles the pressure while we relax.

JOHN 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

