

Bricks Without Straw Exodus 5

God is able and willing to entrust His plan to His people.
God is able and willing to use you, imperfect as you are, to accomplish His perfect plan.
God is able and willing to either cause or allow circumstances which appear to be out of control in order to accomplish His plan which is never out of control.

Right from the start of the greatest act of redemption in OT history, we can see that God is willing to entrust His plan to His people. God extends that trust to you. God brings you to Himself and then He chooses to trust you with His plan of redemption.

In Exodus 5, we see ordinary people step out in faith for God and experience unsuccessful results, which produces discouragement. All of that is part of a normal experience of being used by God. The unsuccessful results and the discouragement are normal.

You cannot evaluate God's love for you based on your circumstances.
Sometimes, unsuccessful circumstances are what God desires so that He can do a great work in you and through you. Your "unsuccess" can show a watching world that it's not you but God who brings His great work to pass.

To be sure, God knew Pharaoh would NOT be willing to let the people go.
We saw that in Exodus 3:19. God's plan is working according to God's expectations.
God's plan is NOT working according to Moses' expectations.
The unmet expectations produce discouragement and a sense of failure in Moses.

Keep in mind - The Bible is not primarily a story about people and their needs. It's a story about God, the implementation of His redemptive plan, and the unfolding revelation of His glory.

This is the pattern of redemption in the OT. From the very beginning, the people of God became acquainted with the word redeem as something that involved a type of rescue operation. Someone was in need and someone else intervened. Here are the common elements of redemption:

1. Problem
2. Intervention
3. Deliverance

This concept of redemption occurs throughout the OT. There is a problem, God intervenes, and God delivers AND God uses people to accomplish His plan.

Often missed in the book of Exodus is that ***God's plan is for His glory, not the comfort of God's people.***

Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. Exodus 14:16

***The Exodus was for God's glory, not the comfort of God's people.
God is in control even when life appears to be out of control.***