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When Your Plan Backfires



The Power of God

Is **unleashed** when you **step out**
in **faith** and **obedience.**

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THE PRESENCE OF GOD
does not guarantee immediate results

Genesis
15:6

***“And he believed the Lord, and he
counted it to him as righteousness.”***

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Exodus
5:10-12

10 So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw. 11 Go and get your straw yourselves wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced in the least.” 12 So the people were scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

Exodus
5:13-14

13 The taskmasters were urgent, saying, “Complete your work, your daily task each day, as when there was straw.”

14 And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, “Why have you not done all your task of making bricks today and yesterday, as in the past?”



**God's plan
usually does not
unfold the way
we expect**



**Our plans seek to
Enthroned idols
but
God's plan seeks to
Enthroned Jesus**

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**Exodus
5:20-21**

20 They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; 21 and they said to them, “The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

Exodus
3:17

**and I promise that I will bring you up
out of the affliction of Egypt to ...
a land flowing with milk and honey.”**

Exodus
3:20-22

20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go. 21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, 22 but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

**What we should pursue
is not
the absence of trials
but
the presence of God**



Exodus
4:21B

*... But I will harden his heart, so that
he will not let the people go.*

John
16:33

... In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

James
1:2-4

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds. ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have it's full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing

Exodus
5:15

15 Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants like this?”