

Sermon Notes

God's Plan for the Storms of Life

Exodus 3:19-20; 5:1-2, 4, 15; 6:1-8

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Premise: God has a plan for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11

And God works the plan for our benefit. God will work from both ends of a situation to make his plan come into being.

When you encounter the storms of life there are some things you need to recognize:

Recognize: That the presence of problems is not always an indication that we are **out of** God's will.

- Moses' plea to let God's people go. Ex. 5:1
- Pharaoh's response. Ex. 5:2
- Situation for the Israelites gets worse. Ex. 5:4
- The Israelites turn on Moses and Aaron. Ex. 5:15
- Often things have to get worse before people will accept the truth.

Recognize: That God does not have to work according to our plans or our timetable in working His plan. Exodus 3:19-20

- God warned Moses about Pharaoh's response.
- Beware of presuming how God will or should work.
- God will not necessarily honor our expectations.
- The spiritual contest you find yourself in may be long and drawn out with no apparent resolution in sight.

Recognize: When you face the storms of life, you need to be careful which way you run when things don't get better. Exodus 5:22, 6:1

- We start asking questions.
 - Why me? Why now?
- Moses ran to God.
- God tells Moses to watch and wait to see what He was going to do.
- Are you willing to watch and wait for God to act on your behalf?

Recognize: That God's plans and purposes for your life have not changed. Exodus 6:7-8

- God still cares for you.
- God will act on your behalf.
- 7 times in verses 7-8 God says what He will do for Moses and the Israelites.
- Don't let your faith be stifled by the storm you are facing.
- How we respond to the storms of life will reveal:
 1. The nature of our faith.
 2. The strength of our commitment to Christ.
 3. The level of our maturity.
 4. The measure of our teachability.

Recognize: That when you encounter the storms of life and run to God for help...He will meet you there because He has a plan and He is working His plan for you and your life.