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DEVOTION

Tossed Into Turmoil or to Turn the Tide?

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Scripture

"Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'" (Exodus 2:7)

"Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity." (Colossians 4:5)

While the Egyptians were afraid of the Hebrews' growing strength, they oppressed the Hebrews into slavery in attempts to avoid a hostile takeover. Pharaoh ordered every Hebrew newborn boy to be killed. While God wants us to respect those in authority over us, He doesn't expect us to obey when laws go against His will.

I think of Miriam, Moses' sister. She was safe within Pharaoh's decree, but her brother was in grave danger. She had a choice, and I'm glad she chose to not only watch over Moses in the basket but also to approach Pharaoh's daughter with a creative solution to reunite the family.

When faced with hardships, even oppression, it's good for us to seek out appropriate ways to stand against it. For one life. For a group of people. The key is to trust God—the One who loves and the One who is in control—to use our efforts in the war against evil. Watch for and take full advantage of the opportunities God provides, and find ways to work with those in leadership for creative solutions.

This was all part of God's rescue mission for social justice—for rescuing His people from Egypt. Things seemed impossible for Moses and the Hebrews, and sometimes circumstances seem impossible to me. When I focus my attention (my thoughts, prayers, and efforts) on God, I find that He's the God of the impossible.

Prayer

Dear God, give me a heart like Yours to see ways to stand against evil for the sake of others. I pray for Your care and protection for those who are leading in our community, our country, and our world. In Jesus' name, amen.