

Lent Devotion for Saturday, March 18

Exodus 7:1-25

MULTIPLY ON PURPOSE

Exodus 7:3-4 *But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt, he will not listen to you.*

So, Exodus 7:3 is not the typical feel good, God is going to multiply me scripture, but it is a reminder that God is the ultimate multiplier. In Exodus 7 God tells Moses what will happen when he goes to ask Pharaoh to release the children of Israel. God warns Moses that he will harden Pharaoh's heart and Pharaoh will not listen to him. Prior to the release of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, God sent plagues, each time Pharaoh refused to release them; a total of ten plagues were sent. One by one, the plagues came, each worse than the last. Here they are in order: 1. Blood 2. Frogs 3. Lice or gnats 4. Flies 5. Livestock 6. Boils 7. Hail 8. Locust 9. Darkness 10. Death of the firstborn. But there was a reason God kept multiplying his signs and wonders in Egypt, and it's this- so that the Egyptians would know that he is the Lord (v.5). Think about it, what we call plagues God called signs and wonders (I feel a praise break right there!!!) Have you noticed any patterns in your life? Anything going on- for a while now that has you asking God, "What is going on?" Is it possible that he is multiplying the signs and wonders in your life so that you *and* those around you will know that he is God? This is a unique way to look at multiplying, isn't it? Remember, what Paul tells us in the book of Romans, "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*" Ironic that he starts with "*And we know*" ...there's an assumption that WE KNOW that all things work together. Do you know? Or have you just recited the scripture without really thinking about it?

PRAYER: *Lord, I need a minute. This one is different. Help me to really see what you are doing in my life through the lens of the spiritual because you are a Spirit. I don't want to miss what you are doing. I don't want to call signs and wonders plagues! I don't want to miss you working in my life. I love you, Lord. Help me to see you. In Jesus' Name...Amen.*