

Lent Devotion for Sunday, March 19

Exodus 1: 1-20

MULTIPLY YOUR INTENTIONALITY

Exodus 1:12...*But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.*

Did you know that Generation Beta, the babies born between 2025-2039, will begin in two years? It's amazing how quickly time passes. You may recall someone in your family who was the head of the household when you were younger but has since passed away. Or you may remember a time when you were the youngest, or one of the youngest, now you are the eldest, or one of the eldest. So, it was for the children of Israel. There came a time when their leader Joseph and his brothers died, but that didn't stop them from growing. In fact, the opposite happened, *"the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was "filled with them."* I grew up hearing the saying, "Time waits for no man." Growth is a natural part of life. We will all age. We will all get to the age where we will be the elders in our family, but when that happens, don't forget who you are, and whose you are. Don't forget that God is the one who has kept you. Look around and realize that yes, times may be difficult, but you are still nourishing.

You are still being multiplied. Others are looking at you trying to figure out how you're still here. The Israelites moved to Egypt because there was a famine in their homeland. They found food and favor for a time in Egypt, but then the person who was the symbol of their favor, Joseph, died. And they were now being oppressed by someone who didn't know them and was threatened by their growth. Life is made up of seasons. Winter. Spring. Summer. Fall. However, no matter what season you are in, don't forget God because even in the difficult seasons you will see favor- you will multiply, just like the children of Israel.

PRAYER

Father God, help me to work purposely so I can sow seeds for the next generation. Allow me to stay current when seasons change and to prepare myself for the future. Allow me to move forward in life and create new paths for this next generation to walk through in Jesus Name, Amen.