

Lent Devotion for Tuesday, March 21

Exodus 1:1-22

MULTIPLY IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT

Exodus 1:20 (ESV)...*So, God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong.*

In the book of Exodus, Moses documents the history of the Israelite nation. It is the time when the Hebrews have been living in Egypt for some time now (since Joseph) and there arose a pharaoh who did not know their history and what Joseph did for the people. So, the new pharaoh enslaved the Hebrews because they became too numerous. And he told the midwives if a Hebrew woman gives birth to a male child to kill it. But the midwives protect the Hebrew people and God honored them and Israel continued to grow in numbers.

Obedient. Faithful. Loyal. These are the words that come to mind when I think of the midwives in Exodus. This particular pharaoh wanted the midwives to go against what they have been tasked to do by God. He wanted them to kill the newborn males at birth. But they feared God more than they feared the wrath of the pharaoh. The midwives followed in the footsteps of Joseph. In a foreign land, they trusted God and those around them were blessed.

Although your assignment may seem enormous and the cost for obedience great, trust that God is a keeper. Whatever he places in your life is not there to destroy you, but to increase your trust, increase your faith, increase your belief, increase God's purpose within your life.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for being Lord over my life. I thank you in advance for allowing me to know and be able to find significance in the assignment in which you have placed. I pray that I will be obedient to your word so that others can see your love and mercy within me and draw near to you. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to remind me to be content at whatever season I am in life and to trust you through it. May those who see my life give you glory, honor and praise. This I ask in Jesus' Name...Amen.