



DGM Message Title: Down, Out, and Up

Theme: God's Timing

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Message Summary: God will do everything on His own time. We may have to go through hard times, but everything will work out in the end. God knows exactly where we are and knows the right time to come down, to bring us out so that we can go up!

Scripture References (NKJV):

- Exodus 2:11-14
- Exodus 2:16-18
- Exodus 2:21,23
- Exodus 3:1-8

Key Points:

- Exodus 2:11
 - At this time Moses was grown
 - God is the master of reversal
 - Moses was a born a slave but raised by a queen
 - God knows how to turn a thing and flip things so that it will be right
 - When Moses was grown, he was out with his people and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew
 - Moses had enough of the abuse of his people and wanted it to be stopped
 - Don't do something permanently stupid, just because you are temporarily angry.
- Exodus 2:12
 - Moses looked all around and saw there was no one around and Moses killed the Egyptian
 - Maybe it was a heroic attempt, but it was at the wrong time
 - Timing is everything
 - His temper got him kicked out of Egypt
 - Stop being a hot head and learn from Moses

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- Exodus 2:13
 - The next day Moses saw two Egyptians fighting and asked them why they are fighting each other.
 - His timing was bad again
 - He was trying to be a hero at the wrong time
- Exodus 2:14
 - The two men asked who made him the prince and a judge over them
 - The right thing at the wrong time becomes the wrong thing
 - The men also asked if Moses was going to kill him like he did the other Egyptian the day before
 - Moses then knew that his wrongdoing was known by others
 - When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses
 - Moses was a great general in the Egyptian army
 - He conquered the Ethiopians
 - For Moses to have sided with the Israelites was a threat to the kingdom
 - Moses immediately fled to Midian
 - He sat by a well
 - When God calculated his plan for Moses life, it wasn't in His plan to be perfect
 - God's plan is bigger than our mistakes and includes them
- Exodus 2:16
 - The priest of Midian had seven daughters
 - Moses was tired and sits by a well and sees seven ladies
 - God knows what to use to get your attention to get you back on the right path
- Exodus 2:17
 - Shepherd's came and started bullying the ladies
 - This was Moses chance to show the ladies what he was made of
 - He was a master in martial arts and had strength
 - The shepherds were no match for Moses
 - Everyone was excited about Moses
 - When it was over, they went to Reuel
 - Reuel meant a friend of God
 - Moses just happen to bump into true worshippers of God in all the desert
 - What a coincidence
 - A coincidence is just Gods way of being modest
- Exodus 2:18
 - The daughters' father said, how did you finish at the well early today?
 - Moses helped all of them get home
 - They finished early
 - The most attractive thing a man can do is get something done

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- Energy is more attractive than beauty in a man. –Louis May Alcott
 - Are you feeling sorry for yourself or are you ready to stand up for things?
- Exodus 2:21
 - Moses was content living there and the priest gave his daughter Zipporah, to Moses.
 - They had a baby and life went on
- Exodus 2:23
 - The king of Egypt died
 - The people of Israel cried out because they were in bondage
 - God heard the groaning and remembered the covenant He had with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - It was 40 years since Moses left and it took that long for God to come around
- Exodus 3:1
 - Moses was working a job tending to the flock of his father-in-law Jethro (the priest)
 - He had a daily grind because that is what we are supposed to do
 - You can pitiful or you can be powerful, but you can't be both at the same time
 - He led the flock to a far-off place to the mountain of God
 - In this faraway place, the angel of the Lord appeared
- Exodus 3:2
 - The angel of the Lord appeared to him in flam of fire in a bush
 - Moses saw that the bush was burning with fire, but it was not consumed
 - Moses wanted to see the burning bush
 - He still had a curiosity about life and God uses his curiosity to draw him close
- Exodus 3:4
 - God called to him from the bush
 - Moses answered back here I am
 - Moses was still available, curious, and fresh so God was able to lure him to the bush
 - He was open to hearing God
 - Staying emotionally available to God is 99% of the battle
- Exodus 3:5
 - God told Moses to take off his sandals because where he stands is holy ground
 - Only children and servants walked barefoot at this time
 - Only people with higher status wore shoes
 - God had to show Moses that He was above him even though Moses was respected amongst the people

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- We teach people how to treat us by what we accept for them
- Exodus 3:6
 - God immediately speaks to him and says he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - He didn't introduce himself in a complicated way.
 - He said He is the God of people
 - God loves each of us if there is only one of us. –Saint Augustine
 - God introduced himself as if He meant, Just call me dad
 - When Moses heard this voice, it was something greater than he could ever imagine
 - The Bible said Moses was afraid to look at the light because it was bright and powerful
 - As Merciful and kind as God is, we still have to remember that he is all-powerful
- Exodus 3:7
 - God said that He has seen the oppression of His people and have heard their cries
 - God knew their sorrows
- Exodus 3:8
 - God said that He will deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians
 - God's word comes down so that he can deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians (anything that is keeping you bound)
 - So that God can bring us up
 - His word came down so that He can bring us out, so we can go up
 - God knows where to find you so that he can come down, bring you out so that you can go up!
 - God's word comes down so that he will deliver him out so that we might go up
 - Doesn't matter where you have been God will come down to bring you out, so you can go up