

20240728 Go, Set My People Free – Ps David

This morning, I want to share something from the story of Exodus. (**Exodus 6:28~7:5**) The people of Israel had been in slavery for 400 years. Many generations of people would have been born into slavery and died as slaves. They were in a cruel environment; they were often beaten and worked in very harsh conditions, which often led to death. When the Israelites cried out to God, God heard their cries and wanted to set His people free. To do this, God sent Moses to lead the Israelite out of Egypt and out of Egypt imposed slavery to the land of freedom and abundance.

1. You are sent by God Exodus 6:28~30

²⁸ Now when the Lord spoke to Moses in Egypt, ²⁹ He said to him, “I am the Lord. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you.”

³⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, “Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?”

God introduced Himself, “I am the Lord.” The word “Yahweh”, in Hebrew could mean a supernatural being or Almighty God. God told Moses to go and tell Pharaoh, king of Egypt to set God’s people free. God had already instructed Moses what he was to say, yet Moses gave excuses as he did not want to go. How often we are like that? We are reluctant to speak the words that can set captives free. We often try to find excuses like, “I am not a good speaker,” “I don’t know what to say,” “I don’t know the Bible enough to answer their questions,” “they will not listen to me,” or “I am scared to be rejected.” Dear brothers and sisters, people in the world are held captive by Satan and they need to be set free. As Capri said in her testimony, she said that she had fallen into worldly ways and that she was comfortable in her sin. Over time she suffered more consequences due to her own actions and she became very unhappy and developed an addiction. Every week was repetitive; she felt that she was indulging in the same habits, the same sins and that all of this was digging her into a darker place in her life and she felt that she was changing in a way that was alarming and she got to the point where she was unrecognisable to herself. People in the world need to be set free from the slavery of Satan so that they can become children of God.

2. God has prepared the way for you 7v1-v2

¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. ² You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. In verse 1, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh,” we see that God has given you the authority to set the people free. You are a child of God, and God has given you the authority to use His name, the name that is higher than any other names, the name that is more powerful than

any name, for at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord. As the Lord said, He is the almighty and He is with you.

In verse 2, “You are to say everything I command you”. Moses was to say what God has told him to say. In the same way God has given us what we need to tell the people to be set free from Satan. God has given us His word through the Bible. God has given you the living experiences of His power in your life, and these are so powerful that even Satan and non-believers cannot deny them. Your life is the living testimony of His power and reality.

He has sent you to tell Satan to release the people from the kingdom of Satan so that they can enter the kingdom of God. He has sent you to tell the captives to come out of their captivity, their sorrows, regrets and condemnation for their sin. He has sent you to tell the captives to come out of the pain and the torment of sin, and from the eternal death.

3. There will be challenges v3-v4a

³But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt, ⁴he will not listen to you.

There will be challenges. The powers of darkness will not give up their captives easily. Non-believers may not want to listen to you or may even ridicule you because their hearts are hardened. You may think it strange that God would harden Pharaoh’s heart, but the scripture tells us that it is Pharaoh himself who hardened his heart first (Ex. 7:13, 8:15). When the bible says that God hardened his heart, what it actually meant was that the Lord allowed Pharaoh to be what Pharaoh chose to be.

4. You will see God’s deliverance v4b-v5

Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. ⁵And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it.”

When we go and reach out to the lost, God will act. When we rely on His power, we can see people being set free from the power of darkness, even when it sometimes seems impossible. Do you have people that you know who seem impossible to be saved? You might have friends and relatives that you love and for whom you have been praying for such a long time but they do not seem to want to respond to the message. Don’t give up, the time will come when these people will see that God is mightier than the power of Satan, and that God is able to save.

The faithful farmer plants his seeds at the right time and seasons. After planting, nature and time, water and sunshine will result in the bringing forth of life, and these seedlings turn into plants and grow allowing for a good harvest. So, let us plant the seeds of the gospel faithfully into people’s hearts and let God work in their lives; keep praying and one day we will see these souls come into the Kingdom of the Lord.