

## PURPOSEFUL, YET PERPLEXED

*"Everyone who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; we are not here, that we may go to bed at night, and up in the morning, toil for our bread, eat and drink, laugh and joke, sin when we have a mind, and reform when we are tired of sinning, rear a family and die. God sees every one of us; He creates every soul. . . for a purpose."*

*John Henry Newman*

### EXODUS 5 - 7

#### TIME LINE:

From river to palace - I drew him out of the water!

From palace to desert - Tending Jethro's flock

From desert to palace - I am the Lord. Tell Pharaoh . .

*"God calls us to live a life we cannot live, so that we must depend on Him for supernatural ability. We are called to do the impossible, to live beyond our natural ability." (Erwin W. Lutzer)*

**EXODUS:** leaving the old environment and moving toward new surroundings

Shalach et ami! (Send away my people) \_\_\_\_\_!  
God's objective: A departure toward a specific \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

**Setting the Stage:** The initial encounter/"conversation" with Pharaoh did not include any \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ are performed as God wills for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_.

". . . these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (to generate conviction) and that by believing you may have life in His name (edification)" John 20: 31

**1. THE DILEMMA:** the problem faced

Moses: \_\_\_\_\_ Pharaoh: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6: 16*

**2. THE DISTRACTION:** focus or unfocused

Moses: \_\_\_\_\_ Pharaoh: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Seek ye first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6: 33)*

**3. THE DIRECTION:** the destination – which way?

Moses: \_\_\_\_\_ Pharaoh: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 11: 19)*

**4. THE DESTINY:** final reward

Moses: \_\_\_\_\_ Pharaoh: \_\_\_\_\_

*"By faith, Moses when he was grown-up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward."  
(Hebrews 11: 24-26)*

**LESSON FOR LIVING:** The purpose of God is bigger than any one of us.  
Always look to the bigger picture – God does!!

