

Title: How's your groan
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A groaning people

Exodus 6: 5 6 ⁵ And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Therefore say to the children of Israel: "I am the Lord, I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

He sees and He hears

Exodus 5:7-8 ⁷ And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. ⁸ So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians...

He chooses whom He will

Exodus 3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

The Moses Identity

Exodus 2:11;12;14 ¹¹ Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. ¹² So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹⁴ Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us?....."

Identity flows from intimacy

Exodus 3:11-12 ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Enter the mess (together)

Exodus 5:1 ¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.'

The World crushes groans

Exodus 5:6,7,9 ⁶ So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers, saying, ⁷ "You shall no longer give the people straw for themselves. ⁹ Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labour in it, and let them not regard false words."

The Y-factor

Exodus 5:22,23 ²² So Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why is it that you have sent me? ²³ For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered your people at all.”

The Glory is His Alone

Exodus 6 ¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh..

Now we shall see

Luke 4:18-19 ¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor, He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

A groaning answered

Mark 2:14,15,17 ¹⁴ As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him. ¹⁵ Now it happened, as He was dining at Levi’s house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples, for there were many, and they followed Him. ¹⁷ When Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

A new sound

John 11:33-36,38,39 ³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. ³⁴ And He said, “Where have you laid him?” they said to Him, “Lord come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus wept. (emphasis added) ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” ³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”.....

He has not forgotten your groans

1. Groaning under bondage?
2. Groaning under sin?
3. Groaning for the lost and broken?