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SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART

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ENGAGING

Scripture Reading

Exodus 5:1-2; 7:8-23

Act of Praise

We Are a Wilderness Wondering People

Rev. Jim West

Message

*Human Roadblocks:
When Humans Unravel God's Plans for Justice*

Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

THANKSGIVING

Gathering at the Table of Christ

SENDING

Song of Faith

Pharaoh Was a Brutal Tyrant

Sharing in a Time of Blessing

God Be with You

Music for Parting

Honey in the Rock

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GUIDING QUESTIONS

As you continue to sit with Exodus 5:1-2; 7:8-23 and the daily scriptures that help you dig deeper into today’s story of Pharaoh’s hardened heart that unraveled God’s plans for justice allow these questions to guide your quest:

- God sees the oppression of the Israelites and calls Moses (hiding out in the desert) to facilitate their liberation (Ex. 3). Moses follows God’s plan (Ex. 5:1-2), yet faces repeated nos. What do you imagine are Moses’ expectations and fears throughout this process? How does he push through?
- The enslavement of the Israelites (Ex. 1:8-14) is impacted by the famine in Genesis 47 when a previous King of Egypt monopolizes its resources (Gen. 47). To what, exactly, is Pharaoh’s heart hardened/? Why is he driven by power and control?
- Walter Brueggemann writes, “Wouldn’t it be wonderful if liberal and conservative church people, who love to quarrel with each other, came to a common realization that the real issue confronting us is whether the news of God’s abundance can be trusted in the face of the story of scarcity?” How does this quote, and the myth of scarcity, inform your reading of this text? How do you see the myth of scarcity impacting your life and the life of your church?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Soften my hardened heart and unravel me from living a life led by scarcity. Amen.

DIGGING DEEPER

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God’s Word. Together let’s go deeper into God’s Word this week.

Monday ... Exodus 3:1-22

Tuesday ... Genesis 41:1-8 (14, 25-36)

Wednesday ... Exodus 4:21; 10:1-2

Thursday ... Ezekiel 29:1-16

Friday ... Numbers 33:1-4

Saturday ... Isaiah 58:6-12

SCRIPTURE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ... Acts 9:1-20