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NEWSLETTER

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A LATE BLOOMER



WITH OUR CHILLY SPRING THE VEGETATION AROUND HAS BEEN AFFECTED. THE TREES HAVE BARELY BEGUN TO BLOOM, AND OUR TULIPS STILL HAVEN'T. THIS WEATHER IS DEFINITELY AFFECTING THE MUSHROOM SEASON AND WILL DELAY THE FISH SPAWNING BY SEVERAL WEEKS AS WELL. LATE BLOOMERS ARE ALL AROUND US.

SOMETIMES PEOPLE CAN LIKEWISE BE LATE BLOOMERS. I THINK OF MOSES. WE READ OF HIS EARLY YEARS IN EXODUS 2 AND ACTS 7. "MOSES WAS EDUCATED IN ALL THE LEARNING OF THE EGYPTIANS, AND HE WAS A MAN OF POWER IN WORDS AND DEEDS." (ACTS 7:22). I THINK THAT DESCRIBES MOSES AS A YOUNG ADULT. HE HAS GRADUATED WITH HIS DOCTORATE AND SERVED IN THE MILITARY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND JUST COMPLETED AN INTERNSHIP. NOW HE'S READY TO CONQUER THE WORLD AND HELP HIS PEOPLE, THE HEBREWS! WE KNOW THAT HIS REAL OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE CAME WHEN HE SAW A JEWISH SLAVE BEING MISTREATED BY AN EGYPTIAN AND CAME TO THE AID OF THE SLAVE BY KILLING THE EGYPTIAN. ACTS 7:25 PROVIDES US WITH HIS RATIONALE. "AND HE SUPPOSED THAT HIS BRETHREN UNDERSTOOD THAT GOD WAS GRANTING THEM DELIVERANCE THROUGH HIM." THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS WHAT WE READ AT THE END OF THAT VERSE, "BUT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND." YOU SEE MOSES WAS READY TO LEAD BUT GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WERE NOT.

SO, OLE MO ENDED UP FLEEING EGYPT AND SPENDING THE NEXT FORTY YEARS FOLLOWING HIS FATHER-IN-LAW'S SHEEP IN MIDIAN. (SEE EXODUS 2:15-3;1) IT WAS A HUMBLING BUT NECESSARY EXPERIENCE TO SEASON AND PREPARE HIM FOR A TIME WHEN GOD COULD TRULY USE HIM.

AT THE AGE OF EIGHTY, GOD SPOKE TO MOSES FROM A BURNING BUSH AND CALLED HIM TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE OUT OF BONDAGE IN EGYPT. (EXODUS 3:2-10). BY NOW MOSES IS SOMEWHAT SYNDICAL AND RESPONDS TO GOD'S CALL BY SAYING, "WHO AM I, THAT I SHOULD GO TO PHARAOH, AND THAT I SHOULD BRING THE SONS OF ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT? (EXODUS 3:11) GOD ASSURED HIM THAT NOW WAS THE RIGHT TIME AND MOSES WAS INDEED THE RIGHT LEADER. SO, HE LED.

MOSES WAS A LATE BLOOMER. HE HAD TO LEARN ABOUT PATIENCE AND GOD'S TIMING. HE HAD TO LEARN HUMILITY AND RESPECT. HE HAD TO WAIT AND THEN BE READY WHEN GOD WAS. AN EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD LATE BLOOMER IS BETTER THAN A FORTY-YEAR-OLD ARROGANT LEADER.

MAY GOD HELP US TO BLOOM, IN HIS TIME, FOR HIS GLORY.

LOOKING UP!

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