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EXODUS: GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WHEN WILL GOD DO SOMETHING?

Exodus 1-2

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you Hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Psalm 13.1-3

"I have become a foreigner in a foreign land." Exodus 2.22

When we encounter difficult situations we often ask God how long we are going to have to deal with this and why doesn't he do something about it.

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them. Exodus 2.23-25

WHAT WAS GOD DOING?

1. God **HEARD** their groaning.
2. God **REMEMBERED** the covenant.
3. God **SAW** what his people were **DEALING WITH**.
4. God was **CONCERNED** about his people.

5. God was **RAISING UP** a **RESCUER**.

God is in the rescuing business.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. Galatians 4.4-5 NLT

Questions for Reflection:

When was the last time you said, "How long, O Lord?"

Be honest....deep down, what have your thoughts been about the coronavirus as it relates to God?

How does the metaphor that God is like a *Master Weaver*—he only can weave with the material that we provide him— help you to understand God's action in the world?

When was the last time you envisioned yourself as a co-rescuer with God?

How might God be stirring your heart to become a rescuer?

Who might God be rescuing through you?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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