



Stuck

What happens when faithful living leads you to feel stuck or lost? When a situation comes up unexpectedly like a sudden loss of a job or a loved one passes, it is easy to know why we get stuck. When we choose to sin or make a series of bad choices, it is easier to see why we get stuck. But getting stuck while faithfully living, that is a little harder to understand. Where do you go when you get stuck?

The beginning of Exodus catches us up to a family who was living faithfully. However, by no fault of their own, they ended up lost. Stuck as slaves — the story of Exodus 1 shares the predicament. Here they were living in troublesome times making brick, mortar, and working the fields. We pick up the story where no matter how faithful or hardworking, the king of Egypt made sure that "In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves." - Exodus 1.14. But this wasn't the end of the story.

God saw.

God heard.

God moved.

*"And God heard their groaning...God saw the people of Israel - and God knew."
(Exodus 2:24-25)*

We are all going to get stuck from time to time. It happens, life happens, and we are human. Disappointment and suffering are guaranteed this side of the New Heaven and New Earth. It is important to realize, no matter what, even if we can't control all the circumstances of getting stuck and lost, we learn that there is a God that sees, hears, and knows. With this in mind, we are invited to trust that God is not that far and we are his people.

26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.'

Acts 17:26-28