



“They Are Regular And Unplanned Surprises!”

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¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: “You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:10–11 (NLT)

- Most of our mess is beyond **human ability to repair or fix**;

it could be part of our **genetic makeup**!

2 *About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. ² The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months...* Exodus 2:1–10 (NLT)

- Mess often finds us in both **places** and **circumstances**,

where we least expect it!

...being in the **right place** at the **wrong time**

can make a BIG mess!

...our **uncontrolled emotions** can cause unnecessary mess!

¹¹ *Many years later, when Moses had grown up, he went out to visit his own people, the Hebrews, and he saw how hard they were forced to work. During his visit, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his fellow Hebrews. ¹² After looking in all directions to make sure no one was watching, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand. ¹³ The next day, when Moses went out to visit his people again, he saw two Hebrew men fighting. “Why are you beating up your friend?” Moses said to the one who had started the fight. ¹⁴ The man replied, “Who appointed you to be our prince and judge? Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?”* Exodus 2:11–14 (NLT)

- God sees and knows **the intention** of every heart **before, during and after** “THAT” mess ...do a little reflecting!

...³ *“This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn’t that bush burning up? I must go see it.”* ⁴ *When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!” “Here I am!” Moses replied. ⁵ “Do not come any closer,” the LORD warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶ I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God. Exodus 3:1–6 (NLT)*

- Our **circumstances** and **environment** have a lot to do with our unchangeable mess!

- All of our **“not-making-sense”** mess is part of **God’s predestined plan** ...learn to TRUST God a little bit more!

¹⁰ *As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the LORD, ¹¹ and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt?” ¹² Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’” ¹³ But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. ¹⁴ The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.” Exodus 14:10–14 (NLT)*

Question: Are your circumstances and environment keeping you in your unchangeable mess? ...we may just need to make a little change!

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