

God Needs You to the Job – 27 Feb 2005

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Now friends let's turn to the word of god at the book of Acts 7th chapter from 34th verse: I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you into Egypt.

In other words, you would put it this way, what would you say, Yes I have come down to deliver but I need you for the job. I've come to deliver but I want you for the job. Don't you think it is the purpose of god? You know I have a letter here, he says in this letter, which I have kept carefully, we are deeply concerned at the state of our nation, almost a pagan nation now. We believe god can bless with revival again if we truly humble and repent and seek his face with all our heart. But we are slow in doing this and praying that the lord would give us a real passion for this land that will drive us to our knees and fasting and prayer until we see god moving in the land once more. What would I say to this? Implement it. I know that some of you too have the great desires, we all have great desire. We like to see a lot of blessing. But you've got to implement it. And implementation involves personal cost. That's where we bock. Oh personal cost! My wife, I must go ask my wife. I can understand you know that a wife has to do the preparation if you bringing in a guest or invite a guest. But sometimes people can get very absurd for everything. Oh I've got to ask my wife. She's the boss, she wears the pants. What nonsense is all that? What if **Moses** had said, hey I must first ask my wife. I can imagine most people today talking that way. You should have been around to tutor Moses a little better, you know.

Folks, I need you to do the job and so how is this matter presented to us? Here is **Moses** who was rejected, refused by the people, chosen by god. So this kind of fear, everybody refuses me, I'm nobody, I'm just a small person and so on and so forth. Those arguments don't pass luster. They are neither here nor there. When god wants you, oh please say yes, dear lord, yes. Let's be sure to say that. And if we cannot get ourselves to say, yes lord yes, I am ready to be rejected like you were rejected, like Moses was rejected, I am ready, Now then in that case the dear lord will take you up and begin to use you. So my dear friends, some of these fears that we have are very crippling, very injurious to all advance. No, I did not allow these fears to overwhelm me. It is a mercy of god, No doubt. And from many stand points look like the whole enterprise was very risky and this and that but people have their doubts. You know one of my good friends said to me or he remarked to somebody; what will you do there? I was just a young

man, god was asking me to go and you will have to pass the hat around. Do you know that phrase? Some of you don't. You will have to beg. That was the reaction of one of my friends. See you can have a lot of negative remarks made, fears expressed but are you going to focus on Jesus who says all power is given to me in heaven and in earth therefore go and proclaim this good news to all creatures, every creature. Dear friends, god will give you a mission. You know a church where people don't find a mission that is a mission field, it's not the church. When you are before the lord, he wants to give you a mission. He has a purpose and so we see Moses persisting and prevailing against the greatest power of that day. Today we are also in a small way confronting some of these powers, the power of the media. We have to face, Christian books, you know, go to a secular store and try to find a bible, try to find a bible. You will find it tucked away somewhere in the corner. And where are Christian book stalls? Hard to find. Some remote corner. There is something wrong with our whole mentality. It's sad; we don't care for advertisement but let me tell you the work of god advertises itself. I remember the first retreat, there were about a 120 people and there was just a lean to veranda and a mango tree which lent its shade for the retreat. That's all we could afford. And my father had some of his own money and part of it was designated for the education of his children. And god said to him can I not take care of your children. So he pulled it out and ploughed it in into the work of god. And today when I see that the registrations alone, apart from the many that were unregistered came to 6500 and at a time when people were buying pots of water, so scarce, and god supplied us. How does he do it? He does it, he knows, he knows the springs of water, he knows how to make the water gush out of the flinty rock. And yet we limit him, we will not put all our weight as it were upon him and say Lord I stand on sure ground, I stand on your promises, I stand on your word, let the devil do whatever he can, you are in control. There must be a little bit of courage about us. You know the message that was conveyed to Joshua as he took over repeatedly, this was the essence of the message, only be thou strong and be of good courage, go to the lord, say what is hindering my faith from being functional. You know if your faith is dysfunctional, you can't do anything my dear friends. We need a faith which functions. For faith to function in the family, that's a very special faith. Let me tell you, and as a preacher I know this, for faith to function because the devil turns his guns upon a preacher's family. Please never criticize one of your poor pastor's families. I don't want anybody to mouth it oh this pastor's family, this children, you know if the whole church turns their guns upon children, what will happen to those children? They will react and churches haven't got that bit of commonsense. They don't. They destroy the children of pastors. The devil and the church does it. What a sad thing? As a matter of fact one or two get begin to pray with compassion, with love. That doesn't happen.

So dear friends, we need a special measure of faith when you begin to pray for your family. God will give us. Moses was rejected by the very people to whom god now sends him. God says I will be with you; I will be with your mouth. I will make you a god to pharaoh. Just think of that. God telling Moses, I will make you a god to pharaoh. I will make him see that god is with you and god is in you. My dear friends, can't god do the same thing for us? We are not as gifted as Moses but the situation is so emergent and sad, can't god use us too? If we are humble, he will.