**“Some Divine Reasons for Our Impossibilities”**

(Sunday Morning June 23rd, 2024)

**Passage: Exodus 14:1-14**

***Jer 32:17* “*'Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your
 outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You”***

***Matt 19:26*  “**(Jesus Said)**…*with God all things are possible,’”*** (Emphasis Added)

**Everything that God allows to happen in your life and my life is ultimately for the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**of His g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**I. God R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_His P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1) God’s Purpose Was I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Exod 13:21-22 (Reference)***

**Unfortunately, we don’t have a c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by day and a pillar of f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by night, but we do have God’s word and we do have the Holy Spirit.**

**2) God’s Purpose Was I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **a. First, This Was for Their P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Exod 13:17 “Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines,
 even though it was near; for God said, "The people might change their minds when they see war,
 and return to Egypt."***

 **b. Second, This Was for Their M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Deut 8:2 "You shall remember all the ways which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty
 years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, …”***

**3) God’s Purpose Was I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**God placed these Israelites in this very difficult situation, because He wanted to teach the E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
a lesson.**

***Rom 9:17 “For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE
 MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE
 EARTH."***

***Rom 9:20-21 “20  On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say
 to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?  Or does not the potter have a right over
 the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?”
Rom 9:22-23 “22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured
 with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? 23  And He did so to make known the
 riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory”***

**II. God R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1) God’s Plan Was I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**God brought them to a cul-de-sac, a place where they were h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in on every side.**

***Matt 14:30* *“But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out,’Lord, save me!’”***

**2) God’s Purpose Was I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***2 Tim 1:7* *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind”*** (NKJV)

**We can be calm, because we know that our God is an awesome God and that He loves us b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***Ps 46:10 “He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; ...”***

**III. God R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_His P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1) God’s Praise Was I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Judges 7:2 “The Lord said to Gideon, ‘The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into
 their hands, for Israel would become boastful, saying, 'My own power has delivered me.'”***

**Often times, God has to make a situation impossible for us in order to insure that the praise and glory will**

**be directed t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**2) God’s Praise Was I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Rev 15:3 “And they \*sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, ...’Great and marvelous are Your works,
 O Lord God, the Almighty; ...”
Esther 4:14 “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another
 place and you and your father's house will perish…”***

**You can stand in God’s way and get r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or you can cooperate with God and rejoice when He is victorious, but one way or the other, God will be glorified.**

***Job 13:15* *“***(Job Said)***...even though He slay me yet will I praise Him!”*** (Paraphrase)

***Job 23:10* *"But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”***

***2 Chron 20:15* “...*thus says the LORD to you*** (Jehoshophat)***, 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great
 multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's.”***

***Acts 16:25* *“...about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners
 were listening to them”***

***Phil 2:10-11* *“10…at the name of Jesus* EVERY KNEE WILL BOW*, of those who are in heaven and on earth
 and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
 of God the Father”***