

# THE CHRISTIAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE

## MOSES: LESSONS FROM THE BURNING BUSH

Paul in 2 Cor 12: 9: 'I have cheerfully made up my mind to be proud of my weaknesses, because they mean a deeper experience of the power of Christ

Paul to the Corinthians: 'I come to you in weakness, fear and much trembling / the world: you always look in control, strong & self confident

Persoonlik:

- Moeg / gebedslewe / innerlike vrede maak plek vir turbulensie
- Gaan gisteroggend daarmee na die Here toe
- Moses en brandende bos: by geboorte wonderlik mooi / toe is hy weggegooi / faro se dogter neem hom aan / maak hom as haar seun groot / Moses magtig in woorde en daede / toe hy 40 word, het dit in sy hart opgekom om sy broers, die Israeliete uit te lei / toe 'n Israeliet sleg behandel word deur Egiptenaar, maak Moses lg dood / vs 27: en Moses het gedink dat sy broers sou verstaan dat God hulle deur sy hand redding sou gee / maar hulle het dit nie ingesien nie / volgende dag stry twee Israeliete: Moses: manne, maak vrede / wie het jou as 'n regter en owerste oor ons aangestel? / jy wil my tog nie doodmaak soos jy die Egiptenaar doodgemaak het nie? / Moses vlug toe na Midian en word 'n bywoner / toe 40 jaar verby is, verskyn God aan hom in die brandende bos / Moses sien dit en verwonder hom oor die bos wat brand / gaan nader om dit te beskou /
- Moses was rejected as a child / rejected as a leader by his own people / who made you a judge over us? / what made Moses to turn around and watch the burning bush? / there were a lot of fires & Moses had seen many of them / why did he stop to watch this one? / because the bush was burning but it was not consumed by the fire / it burns, but there is no smoke / nothing is being burned up / when the HS burns in our hearts, it does not burn us up or out / it is when we have our fleshly effort involved, that we reach the condition that we call burn-out / the bush that burns but is not burned out, is fuelled by the HS / the bush that is fuelled by human effort consumes itself / Paul: aspire a quiet life

Philip and the Eunuch in Acts 8:

- I just want to introduce this character first / Philip, being led by the Spirit, was told to leave the villages in Samaria where he was preaching & he was told to go to the south to Gaza - to one person - the eunuch / castrated male / most eunuchs were to accompany important people like the king or the queen / to assist them in personal matters like cooking, doing their hair, ~~doing their cooking~~ etc / that was also the case with this Ethiopian eunuch / he worked under queen Candice / when Philip found him, he was reading from Isaiah / what he was reading, was of great importance / Philip said to him: do you understand what you are reading? / how can I unless someone guides me? / by the way, under the NC you and I have the Person of the HS indwelling us / He guides us and brings understanding / eunuch was reading from what we call Is 53: 7-8 / it tells us something of the heart of the man / this man was a castrated man / unfruitful / not able to reproduce / he knew his generation was going to be cut off / no way for him to have a son or a daughter / I think the eunuch is drawn to

the story in Is 53:7-8 / 'He was oppressed and afflicted; by oppression and judgment he was taken away; and who can speak of his descendents? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken / eunuch is looking for somebody to identify with / here's what the HS said to me yesterday: see how Philip approached this eunuch: this man who was castrated, lonely, desperate, searching / instead of looking for people you can judge, rather see them as people who are hungry and thirsty – people that have a deep need / see them as people that are crying out for the life that you carry inside / Philip used the very same passage from Is that the eunuch was reading and he preached Jesus to him / he received Jesus, he got born again and he got baptised / immediately he found the life that he was desperate for

*Also see Jesus' heart –  
he sent P to that man!*

Why do bad things happen to good people?

### Job

- Was vroom en opreg en het God gedien en die kwaad vermy (1 vs 1)
- Sy moraliteit was so legendaries dat hy by twee geleenthede as die mees regverdigste man in die OT beskryf word (Eseg 14)
- Het 7 seuns en 3 dogters gehad – almal getroud met hul eie gesinne en huishoudings
- Job was uitermate welgesteld met duisende kleinvee – en grootvee eenhede
- 3 000 kamele gehad - dit was die vervoermiddel van daai tyd – Europcar, BA / greyhound van daai tyd
- Onder die mense van die ooste was hy die belangrikste man
- Bo en behalwe sy materiele sukses – ook moreel suksesvol
- Na sy kinders partytjie gehou het, het hy die volgende oggend namens hulle brandoffers gebring, want 'miskien het my kinders gesondig'
- God self sê van Job vir satan: 'my dienaar Job, het jy hom raakgesien? Sy gelyke kry jy nie op aarde nie – hy is vroom en opreg, hy dien My en vermy die kwaad'

*Job*

Onheil tref hom in een dag:

- Boodskapper: rowers het gekom en het al jou osse en donkies geroof en al die slawe wat die diere opgepas het, doodgemaak
- Boodskapper was nog aan die praat toe daag nog een op en sê die weerlig het die kleinvee en hulle wagtters doodgeslaan en verbrand
- Hy was nog aan die praat, toe kom 'n derde boodskapper: 3 groepe Galdeers het die kamele geroof en die slawe almal doodgemaak
- Hy was nog aan die praat: u seuns en dogters – was besig om tee et en wyn te drink toe 'n sterk wind opkom en die huis waarin hulle almal saam was, van al 4 kante af omwaai en almal in die huis sterf
- Dié 70 jarige man het alles verloor en moes sy hele familie self begrawe
- Vs 22: onder dit alles het Job nie gesondig deur God te verwyt nie

*Job verloor sy welvaart, status, familie en gesondheid*

Asof dit nie genoeg was nie:

- Satan self tref vir Job met bese swere, van sy kop tot sy tone
- Eetlus verloor en in 'n spiral van depressive beland (vs 24-25)

- My liggaam is oortrek met wurms, volrowe en stof, my vel is vol bartse ...
- Gesukkel om asem te haal (9 vs 8)
- Sig aangetas: 16 vs 16: 'oor my ooglede is daar 'n doodskaduwee'
- Gewigsverlies: 19 vs 20: 'ek is net vel en been'
- Hoë koors gehad: 30 vs 30: 'ek gloei van die koors'

#### Bankrot

- Leef by die stad se vullishope
- Rykste man in die ooste gereduseer tot niks
- Shamed, disgraced, rejected & despised by all
- Bad things happened to this very good man

#### Wanneer jy deur so 'n seisoen gaan:

- Onthou God is nie kwaad vir jou nie / Ps 34: 20: 'Menigvuldig is die teespoede van die regverdige, maar uit almal red die Here hom' / teespoede – afflictions – ook 'physical suffering' / ek glo met my hele hart dat fisiese genesing plaasvind, maar Elisa is dood aan 'n terminale siekte (2 Kon 13) / Epafroditus was siek tot die dood toe (Fil 2: 27)/ Billy Graham en Yongi Cho – Parkinsons / Reinard Bonke – prostaatkanker / John Wimber: Power Healing – dood aan kanker op 64 /
- Onthou jy is in 'n geestelike stryd / Bybel maak dit baie duidelik dat satan die oorsprong van Job se lyding was / slag, steel en verwoes / hy versoek ons om God die skuld te gee – 1 vs 11: 'to curse Him to His face'
- Bly glo dat God in beheer is
- Prys die naam van die Here (1 vs 21) – onder alles het Job God nie verwyt nie – 1 vs 22
- Ontwikkel die kapasiteit om te verdra en te verduur – perseverance – 'the capacity to endure'
- Jak 5: 11: 'Ons noem hulle geseend omdat hulle volhard het. Julle het gehoor van die volharding van Job en julle het gesien waarop die Here dit laat uitloop het. Die Here is immers ryk aan barmhartigheid en ontferming
- Get ready for the double portion!! / God het Job se besittings verdubbel – eindig met 14 000 skape, 6 000 kamele, 1 000 beeste, 1 000 donkies, 10 kinders, sy lewe verleng met 140 jaar!!