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Title: "I'm Growing Through It"

Series: I'm Growing In The Dark

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Foundation Text(s):

Exodus 1:6-12

SERIES REVIEW:

Introductory Point: There will always be opposition to growth!

Two categories of people relating to enemies:

1. Those who think they have no enemies
 - a. Characteristics:
 - i. Gets along with everyone
 - ii. Everyone is on their side
 - iii. Everyone wants to see them win
2. Those who think everyone is their enemy or is against them
 - a. Characteristics:
 - i. Everyone is against them
 - ii. All criticism is a personal attack
 - iii. Cannot handle correction from leadership

Balance for both categories: We all have one enemy on the outside of us! Satan. He is a spirit. We have to fight him and those he uses with spiritual tools (Ephesians

Then there is the enemy inside of us (Enemy, "Inner me")

Point: We all have an enemy to our purpose and to our destiny that we need to defend and guard against.

"Keep" (Shamar) involves defending against outside attacks and inside attacks.

Side note: Some fights we can win if we just stay in position! (Nehemiah

Text

Children of Israel went to Egypt in Genesis as a seed.

1. They were planted in Goshen by Joseph
2. Jacob and his other 11 sons went into Goshen ("The Best of the Land")
3. Goshen was still part of Egypt
4. Egypt means: Darkness= "I'm Growing In The Dark"
5. The Children of Israel (Jacob) were fruitful even in a dark place (Egypt)

- a. Grew to 70 souls according to Exodus 1:5)

Important: A shift happens in Exodus 1

1. Old generation of the Children of Israel dies
2. Joseph dies
3. Pharaoh dies and a new king takes over who “knew not Joseph”

The new Pharaoh is intimidated by the growth of the Children of Israel!

Verse 9: He realizes they are more and mightier than the Egyptians.

Verse 10: HIS STRATEGY is to deal “wisely” with them.

Note: The enemy is always organized with his plot and strategies. This is why the church must have strategies and you must have strategies for your life! The devil and the Kingdom of darkness is always **excellent** and **organized**!

Your enemy knows your potential, even when you don't!

Pharaoh teaches us that the enemy knows your potential and he wants to keep you in seed form because he is intimidated by your growth!

Deliverance point: The devil has been studying you all of your life. Whenever you begin to make real progress, he always attacks you at your weak point!

Proof: David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11)

The King's Strategy (Exodus 1:11)

- Affliction
 - Hebrew word: “Anah”
 - To afflict, depress, deal hardly with, to weaken

Pharaoh's plan backfired!

“But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew.” -Exodus 1:12a

Affliction causes multiplication, growth and expansion

- Pressure and opposition cause you to grow
- 1 Peter 5:9-10
- Romans 5:3-5
- 2 Timothy 2:12
- Psalm 119:71

Isaiah 10:27:

Tribulations, trials, pressure, oppression produces a greater anointing which causes yokes to break!

Yokes are destroyed because of the [FAT]; the anointing! (Amplified version)

Pressure and affliction is coming, but grow through it!