

## HOW GOD CHANGES OUR STORY CHANGING THE NEXT CHAPTER OF OUR LIVES

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:19, NIV)*

The transformation of Moses' Story: Exodus chapters 2,3,4

### FACTORS GOD USES TO REWRITE OUR STORY

#### 1. GOD USES PEOPLE

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17, NIV)*

#### 2. GOD USES OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28, NIV)*

#### 3. GOD USES EVENTS

*(Joseph) "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Genesis 50:20, NIV)*

#### 4. GOD USES PAIN

*"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." (Proverbs 20:30 GNT)*

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV)*

#### 5. GOD USES HIS WORD

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." (2 Timothy 3:16 NLT)*

*"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12, NIV)*

#### 6. GOD USES DIVINE ENCOUNTERS

*"When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' And Moses said, 'Here I am.' 'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'" (Exodus 3:4-5, NIV)*

### OUR CHOICES CHANGES OUR STORY

*Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! <sup>20</sup> You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This<sup>[a]</sup> is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20, NIV)*