

Where God Happens
Exodus 1:17-2:14

Exodus 1:11, 13-14

So the Egyptians assigned taskmasters over the Israelites to oppress them with forced labor...they worked the Israelites ruthlessly and made their lives bitter with difficult labor in brick and mortar and all kinds of field work. They ruthlessly imposed all this work on them

(v.14) "When you help the Hebrew women give birth, observe them as they deliver. If the child is a son, kill him, but if it's a daughter, she may live."

Il] "Ah, dear God...was that necessary? Did you have to make him lame just before the Sabbath? That wasn't nice. It's enough you pick on me. You bless me with five daughters and a life of poverty. That's all right, but what have you got against my horse? Really...sometimes I think when things are too quiet up there you say to yourself, "Let's see what kind of mischief I can play on my friend Tevye."

—Tvyte, Fiddler on the Roof

"I know, I know, we are the chosen people. But once in a while can't you choose somebody else?"

—Tevye, Fiddler on the Roof

III] God is found most in the mess.





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Acts 14:22 [MSG]

Urged [the followers of Jesus] to stick with what they had begun to believe and not quit, making it clear to them that it wouldn't be easy: "Anyone signing up for the kingdom of God has to go through plenty of hard times."

1) The Mass is Where God Meets us

2) The Mess is Where God Uses Us

3) The Mess is Where God Forms Us

4) The Mess is Where God Frees Us

Exodus 2:23-25

After a long time, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned because of their difficult labor, and they cried out; and their cry for help ascended to God because of the difficult labor. 24 So God heard their groaning, and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25 God saw the Israelites, and He took notice.