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THE TORAH OF LEADERSHIP

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Tomb of Vizier Rekhmire, c.1450 BCE, of slaves making bricks for Temple of Amun at Karnak in Thebes

Exodus 2: 21-25

וַיֹּאֵל מֹשֶׁה לְשִׁבְתָּ אֶת־הָאִישׁ וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־צַפְרָה בְּתוֹ לְמִשְׁהָ:

וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ גֵרְשֹׁם כִּי אָמַר גֵּר הָיִיתִי בְּאֶרֶץ נִכְרִיָּה:

וַיְהִי בַיָּמִים הָרַבִּים הָהֵם נִלְמַת מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם וַיֹּאנְחוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִן־הָעֲבָדָה וַיִּזְעְקוּ וַתַּעַל שׁוֹעַתָּם אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים מִן־הָעֲבָדָה:

וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלֹהִים אֶת־נַאֲקָתָם וַיִּזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־בְּרִיתוֹ אֶת־אֲבֹתָם אֶת־צִדְקָתָם וְאֶת־יְעֻקֵּב:

וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּבַּע אֱלֹהִים

Moses consented to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah as wife. She bore a son whom he named Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land." A long time after that, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites were groaning under the bondage and cried out; and their cry for help from the bondage rose up to God. God heard their moaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Reflective Question

Has there been a time in your spiritual life when you reached out to God or others and felt unheard?

Leadership Challenge

When have you been unresponsive in your leadership?