**Stranger in a Strange Land**

**Exodus 2**

**God’s Promise of Descendants**

* To Abraham:
* I will make you into a great nation (Gen 12:2 NLT).
* And I will give you so many descendants that, like the dust of the earth, they cannot be counted (Gen 13:16 NLT)!
* Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have (Gen 15:5 NLT)!
* I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them (Gen 17:6 NLT)!
* I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore (Gen 22:17 NLT).
* To Isaac:
* I will cause your descendants to become as numerous as the stars of the sky, and I will give them all these lands (Gen 26:4 NLT).
* Do not be afraid, for I am with you and will bless you. I will multiply your descendants, and they will become a great nation (Gen 26:24 NLT).
* To Jacob:
* Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth (Gen 28:14 NLT)!
* Be fruitful and multiply. You will become a great nation, even many nations (Gen 35:11).

**Story of Moses as told by Stephen** (Acts 7:20-29 NLT)

20 “At that time Moses was born—a beautiful child in God’s eyes. His parents cared for him at home for three months. 21 When they had to abandon him, Pharaoh’s daughter adopted him and raised him as her own son. 22 Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action.

23 “One day when Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his relatives, the people of Israel. 24 He saw an Egyptian mistreating an Israelite. So Moses came to the man’s defense and avenged him, killing the Egyptian. 25 Moses assumed his fellow Israelites would realize that God had sent him to rescue them, but they didn’t.

26 “The next day he visited them again and saw two men of Israel fighting. He tried to be a peacemaker. ‘Men,’ he said, ‘you are brothers. Why are you fighting each other?’

27 “But the man in the wrong pushed Moses aside. ‘Who made you a ruler and judge over us?’ he asked. 28 ‘Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?’ 29 When Moses heard that, he fled the country and lived as a foreigner in the land of Midian. There his two sons were born.

**Live as exiles.** (1 Peter 2:11-13 NLT)

11 Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. 12 Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

**Do not love the world**. (1 John 2:15-17 NIV)

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father[a] is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

**The Great Commandment** (Luke 10:25-29 NLT)

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” 27 The man answered, “‘**You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind**.’ And, ‘**Love your neighbor as yourself**.’” 28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” 29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:25-29)

**The Good Samaritan** (Luke 10:30-37 NLT)

30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road

31 “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. 33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, **he felt compassion for him**. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’ 36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. 37 The man replied, “**The one who showed him mercy**.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

**Lev 19**

9 “When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. 10 It is the same with your grape crop—do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the Lord your God.

18 “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but **love your neighbor as yourself**. I am the Lord.

33 “Do not take advantage of foreigners who live among you in your land. 34 Treat them like native-born Israelites, **and love them as you love yourself**. Remember that you were once foreigners living in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.