



Deciding To Fight Your Way Back After a Bad Decision

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Big Question: Have you ever had to fight your way back after making a bad decision?

Text: Exodus 3:7-12 (NIV)

Review: Three Skills You Will Need To Fight Your Way Back and Make Better Decisions

1. Learn How To Map The Facts
2. Learn How To Predict Based on The Facts
3. Learn How To Decide Based On The Facts of The Map

Source a book called **Foresight: How to Make Decisions That Matter the Most** by Stephen Johnson

Introduction: There were two issues that had to be faced in order for Israel to move forward at this point in their history.

1. A Placement Issue
2. A Watching Issue

I. The Placement Issue for the Nation

Note: Israel was living in place longer than God intended (Exodus 3:7–12, NIV)

- 7 The Lord said, **“I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.**

Question: How did Israel get to Egypt and why were they still living in this place?

A. Joseph saved seventy people from a famine (Exodus 1:1–10; cp. Genesis 41:15-40, 50:20)

- Exodus 1:1–10 (NIV): 1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family: 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; 3 Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; 4 Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. **5 The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt.**

B. They stayed beyond their season of favor (Exodus 1:6-10)

- **6 Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, 7 but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful;** they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.
- **8 Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. 9 “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. 10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”**



II. The Watching Issue for Moses

Note: Moses watched Israel but had no future plans to get involved

Question: What are you watching and refusing to get involved with?

1. Moses Was Challenged to Get Involved: (Exodus 3:10-12)

Question: Is this your “You Moment”

- 10 So now, go. **I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.**
- 11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”
- 12 And **God said, “I will be with you.** And this will be the sign to **you** that it is I who have sent **you**: **When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”**

2. Moses Was Challenged to Say Something: (Exodus 5:1–2)

- **Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh** and said, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.’”
- 2 Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go.”

Two Closing Statements:

- This was a moment when Moses and Israel fought their way back to the place where they were supposed to be all these years.
- Pharaoh told them no, but Moses and Israel stood up to him and told him yes.

Next Time: Answering your questions about making decisions