"GOD'S WILL, GOD'S WAY, GOD'S TIME" **7-7-24**
"EVEN IN THE WILDERNESS"

TEXT: Acts 7:20-25 ; Exodus 2:15

Intro: Moses' young life must have been difficult and lonely. His tears might have soaked his royal sheets as he longed for his mother and father, sister and brother. But Moses wasn't the only one to suffer.

1) God Makes No Mistakes and Has No Accidents.

A) Perhaps you are struggling with something that moves through your memories and it causes you pain every time it is recalled.

B) Please hear the message I have for you. God's hand on your life has always been there…guiding, urging, correcting, protecting. Moses could have easily turned into a bitter, angry young man. But he didn't.

2) God Always Makes A Way…His Way. (Acts 7:23-29 NIV)

A) It is one thing to do the will of God. It is something else entirely to do God's will God's way and in God's time.

1) If ever there was someone who felt he was ready do God's bidding, it was Moses.

2) Moses made a name for himself. The Bible say he was a man "Mighty in words and deeds." He had power and influence…

B) I believe that God had allowed Moses to know His will. He had heard the promise of God to Abraham in Gen.15:13-16a.

3) An Agonizing Result (Exodus 2:14-15)

A) First surprise. Next confusion, followed by fear, like icy fingers around the heart. And in fear "he fled from Pharaoh".

B) *Moses Went From the Palace to Wilderness in Just a Few Days.* Finding himself useless where he was...he tucked up his royal robes and ran like scared rabbit. He went to Midian and flopped down next to a well. Saying things like… *I'm finished! God can never use me now!*

1) But Moses was wrong...God wasn't through with him...

2) *When the self-efforts have finally run their course, we settle in a wilderness.*

3) *When self finally sits down, the well of a new chance is near. (Psa.46:10)*