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"<u>Release Relief</u>"

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." (Proverbs 11:24)

Jochebed's Faith

Exodus 2:1-10 – (1) "Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. (2) The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. (3) When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. (4) And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. (5) Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. (6) When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, 'This is one of the Hebrews' children.' (7) Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' (8) And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Go.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. (9) And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed him. (10) When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, 'Because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'"

Practicing Release

<u>Deuteronomy 15:1, 7-9</u> – (1) "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release. (7) If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall <u>not harden your heart or shut</u> <u>your hand</u> against your poor brother, (8) but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. (9) Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, <u>the year of release</u> is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin."

<u>Leviticus 25:10</u> – "You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family."

Release Debts

<u>Matthew 18:35</u> – "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive (aphiemi – to send forth, yield up) your brother from your heart."

Releasing Cares

<u>1 Peter 5:6-7</u> – (6) Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, (7) casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

Releasing Relationships

<u>Genesis 2:24</u> – "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

Releasing \$\$\$

Ecclesiastes 5:13 – "There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt,"

Releasing Regret

<u>1 Samuel 16:1</u> – "The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

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