

UNSTOPPABLE PRESENCE
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WHERE'S GOD? THERE'S GOD! DELIMMA

"God shows up; God disappears. This is normal! This is God's strange and mysterious way."

PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION OF GOD'S WAY

Where's God? *Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. Exodus 1:8 (NIV)*

There's God. *But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites Exodus 1:12 (NIV)*

Where's God? *The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." Exodus 1:15-16 (NIV)*

There's God. *The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Exodus 1:17 (NIV)*

So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. Exodus 1:20-21 (NIV)

Where's God? *Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live." Exodus 1:22 (NIV)*

God, are You for us, or are You against us?

Are You there, or are You not there?

There's God. *Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. Exodus 2:5 (NIV)*

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"This is God's way."

Lesson: *"God was there all along. And He was at work all along."*

When you're in a "where's God" moment...

LARRY DONOHO STORY

"THERE'S GOD!"

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD... Jeremiah 29:11-14a (NIV)

(Jim: Carry On My Wayward Son—CLOSER song CD)