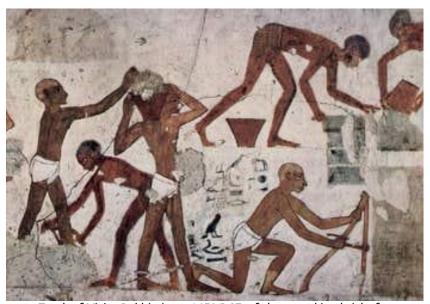
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THE TORAH OF LEADERSHIP

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Tomb of Vizier Rekhimire, c.1450 BCE, of slaves making bricks for Temple of Amun at Karnak in Thebes

Exodus 2: 21-25

וַיָּוֹאֶל מֹשֶׁה לָשֶׁבֶת אֶת־הָאֵישׁ וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־צִפּּרָה בִתְּוֹ לְמֹשֶׁה:

וַתַּלֶד בַּן וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שָׁמָוֹ גַּרְשָׁם כִּי אָמַׁר גַר הָיִּיתִי בְּאֶרֶץ נַכְרַיָּה:

וַיָהַי בַיַּמִּים הַרַבִּים הָהָם וַיַּמָת מֵלֶךְ מִצְרִים וַיֵּאַנְחוּ בָנֵי־יִשְׁרָאֵל מְן־הַעַבֹדָה וַיִּזעַקוּ וַתַּעַל שַׁוְעַתֵם אֵל־הַאֵלהִים מְן־הַעַבֹדָה:

וַיִּשְׁמֵע אֱלֹהָים אֶת־נַאַקַתָם וַיִּזְכָּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־בָּרִיתוֹ אֶת־אַבַרָהָם אֶת־יִצְקַק וְאֵת־יַעַקְב:

וַיַרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת־בָּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל נַיַּדַע אֱלֹקִים

Moses consented to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah as wife. She bore a son whom he named Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land." A long time after that, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites were groaning under the bondage and cried out; and their cry for help from the bondage rose up to God. God heard their moaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Reflective Question

Has there been a time in your spiritual life when you reached out to God or others and felt unheard?

Leadership Challenge

When have you been unresponsive in your leadership?