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Podcast Worksheet God Has Something Better:

Moving from Desperation and Disappointment to Freedom and Fulfillment

Scriptural Texts:

Exodus 1:11-14, 6:6-8, Numbers 11:5-6

Main Points:

- 1. In times of desperation, God sees us and cares about our struggle.
- 2. Just as God provided a way for the Israelites to escape their bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt, so he provides a way of escape for us, as well.
- 3. Avoid the mistake of fighting against the deliverance or deliverer that God provides for you. His way is undoubtedly different from yours.
- 4. God has something better for you! Will you allow him to give it to you?
- 5. Doubting God will always interfere with our journey and success.
- 6. Our journey out of pain and bondage is never easy; we're often terrified of giving God control.
- 7. He's got a plan and the power to execute the plan. He's just waiting for us to agree to the trip.
- 8. God wants to take you to the life he created you to live, to the place he prepared for you since before you were born.
- 9. He wants you unshackled so you can live a fulfilling life, experiencing satisfaction and contentment.
- 10. It takes **toil** to deal with our pain and wounds, **time** to work through the issues, and **trust** in God, because he's the only one who can get us there.
- 11. God is our hope; he has the power to set us free from anything.

Questions:

- 1. Describe times in your past (and maybe you are in one right now!), when you found yourself asking questions like, "What's wrong with my life? Why am I falling apart? Is this as good as it gets?"
- 2. From what does God need to unshackle you so that you can have a better life?
- 3. What issues of pride, doubt, or false beliefs have prevented you from trusting God?

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, I'm tired of living an unsatisfying life. Forgive me for my pride, for doubting you and trusting myself. I need your help to trust you to take me to something better. Today I agree to take the trip with you. Please lead me to a better life. I believe you are my hope. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to