

From “Now” to “Already”

Father Chuck Owens | Exodus 1:1–5



“From ‘Now’ to ‘Already’” Thoughts to Ponder

1. The poet Robert Burns wrote: “The best laid plans of mice and men oft’ go awry.”
 - a. Have you ever experienced a sudden disruption to your plans? If so, please share the particulars. If not, think harder!
 - b. What was suddenly at risk?
 - c. Who stepped up to fill the void your absence created?
 - d. Did you doubt God’s presence at the time? Now?

2. President Thomas Jefferson said: “I find that, as I grow older, I love those most whom I loved first.”
 - a. Please share how you have come to experience the truth of this statement.
 - b. If you can’t relate to Jefferson’s words, please share your thoughts as to why.

Read Exodus 1:1-5 KJV

3. One of the tragedies of this generation is that we do not appreciate where we are because we do not remember where we used to be and who helped us to get to where we are.
 - a. How does your life today dramatically differ from that of your early childhood? Why the difference?
 - b. Name some of your ancestors whom you never met who set the stage for your present reality and share the impact they unknowingly made.

4. Sometimes the people who wreak havoc in our lives are those closest to us.
 - a. Please describe in as much detail as you are willing/able, an experience you've had with this reality?
 - b. Are there relationships in your family that could be restored if someone would just say, "I forgive you"?

5. Have you ever had an experience in which you thought God had let you down only to discover later that He had been setting you up to witness to His grace and mercy? If so, please share the particulars.

