

## Lessons on the Path to Freedom

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Exodus 6:2-12 <sup>2</sup> God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the

LORD I did not make myself known to them. <sup>4</sup> I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. <sup>5</sup> Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup> "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD."

- <sup>9</sup> Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.
- $^{10}$  Then the LORD said to Moses,  $^{11}$  "Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country."
- <sup>12</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, "If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?"

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1. In life there will be challenges that we will feel <u>unqualified</u> and <u>unprepared</u> to face. Trust God anyway.

Exodus 6:12 But Moses said to the Lord, "If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips"

2. Obedience doesn't guarantee earthly prosperity.

Exodus 10:28 Pharaoh said to Moses, "Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die."

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3. These chapters, like so many others in the Bible clearly demonstrate the vast reservoir of God's <u>patience</u>.

Exodus 12:41 At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt.

Exodus 11:1 Now the LORD had said to Moses, "I will bring **one more plague** on Pharaoh and on Egypt

4. These chapters, like so many others in the Bible clearly demonstrate God's patience does have its <u>limits</u>.

Exodus 9:12 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said to Moses. *(the end of 6th Plague)* 

5. Although most people read this account and identify with Moses, I believe that often times we respond to God's leading just like Pharaoh did.

Exodus 7:22-23 Pharaoh would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.<sup>23</sup> Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart.

6. Responding to God leads to Salvation.

Exodus 9:19-20 Give an order now to bring your livestock and everything you have in the field to a place of shelter, because the hail will fall on every man and animal that has not been brought in and is still out in the field, and they will die.' " <sup>20</sup> Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word the LORD hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside.

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