

EXODUS 5-10

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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We left off last week with God's call to Moses. Things started to change for Moses when he stopped running from God and started running with God. Moses reunited with his brother Aaron and returned to Egypt in order to talk to Pharaoh. They gathered all the leaders of the Israelites and repeated everything the Lord had commanded them to say. They also performed signs for the people and the people believed. They went to Pharaoh and said on behalf of the Lord, "Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness." Pharaoh replied "Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go." Pharaoh did not know the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, and as a result he was not going to listen.

The Pharaoh gave the Israelites even harder work to do. The Lord told Moses that he sees that is happening, and that His covenant to His people still stands true. He promises to bring His people out of forced labor. Moses tells Pharaoh on behalf of God once again to let the Israelites go, however Pharaoh did not listen. Pharaoh's heart was hard meaning that he refused to obey God's commands to him. As a result of Pharaoh's refusal, God sent plagues. The plagues were righteous acts of judgment from God towards the Egyptians. They showed the Israelites that God is still in control and keeping His promises. We see God's power on display in full effect through the ten plagues. These include: water turned to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, plague on livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the last one being the death of firstborn (Passover).

These plagues were both miraculous and meaningful. He was going to deliver His people from the Egyptians not by human power or wisdom, but by His strength and might. These plagues were not random. God was specifically showing His superiority over every false god that was worshiped by the Egyptians. He was and is the one true God. They also tell us about God's holiness in the midst of sin and disobedience. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that does not please or honor God. Sin always has consequences. We can be reminded through the book of Exodus this week that God is in control, and He is greater than any human power!

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● God's power is greater than any human power!
KEY STORIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pharaoh questions the Lord● God hears● The Plagues
KEY VERSES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exodus 5:1<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ "Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness."● Exodus 5:2<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."● Exodus 6:5<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ "Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant."
PEOPLE/ WORDS TO KNOW:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pharaoh<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ King of Egypt● Plagues<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Acts of judgement against the Egyptians for their disobedience

Reflection Questions

1.	Did Pharaoh follow the God of Israel?
2.	Did Pharaoh listen to God's command through Moses to let the people go?
3.	What did God send as a result of this disobedience?
4.	What were some of the plagues? What do they show us about God?