

Exodus 5:1-23

“Going from Bad to Worse”

“God must shake Moses out of his selfish rationalizations. Moses must learn that it is God who is calling him to do the absurdly difficult thing.”

--Scholar George A.F. Knight

God puts us in a position to learn, “Who is the LORD?”

The Moses Syndrome-

“God, if only I could change one or two things about myself, then I could serve you.”

“God, I will be glad to obey you, as long as there is continued success... as long as...”

Main Point-

When we obey God and things still go wrong, we need to be reminded of the answer to the question,

“Who is the LORD?”

Exodus chapter 5- Moses becomes dejected

1. When faced with rejection by those who have complete disregard for God. [2-4]

Remember- Rejection comes with the territory when obeying Christ!

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.”

1 Peter 4:12 ESV

Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. **1 John 3:13 ESV**

Proverbs 21:1–2 ESV

[1] The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD;
he turns it wherever he will.

[2] Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart.

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2. By watching the increased suffering of God's people. [6-19]

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3. Because of the peoples' cries, he begins to doubt God. [20-23]

What do we need to go back to when we have doubts God is working? [Exodus 6:1-5]

God's character- His faithfulness and His promises!

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” **Matthew 4:4 ESV**