

Exodus (The Way Out)

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Saturday & Sunday, February 3 & 4, 2018 Daren Dirksen

Exodus 5 “A Picture of Unbelief”

The covenant God (Gen. 15:5-7,13-16) had revealed himself more fully to Moses in a burning bush. He spoke to Moses of his plan to save his people from slavery in Egypt. He told him that He was going to use him to do this and He gave details on exactly what would happen. Moses made excuses pointing out why he can't do it and God made miraculous signs pointing out that God will save through judgment. When Moses shares God's words and signs with the people they believe and worship in hope.

In today's passage, Moses, Aaron, and the Elders are to head to the palace to give Pharaoh God's command that he is to let his people go to worship him. However, the response from Pharaoh is not what they expected. God's promises do not seem to match his providence and they are devastated. But God is faithful.

A Picture of Unbelief:

vs. 1-9 (Pharaoh)

- No obedience to the word of the LORD.
(Ps. 2; Acts 17:30; 2 Thess. 1:8; Mt. 7:24-27)

vs. 10-19 (Foremen)

- No fear of the LORD.
(Ecc. 12:12-14)

vs. 20-23 (Moses)

- No waiting on the LORD.
(6:1-8)

“What grace is meant to do is to help good people, not to escape their sufferings, but to bear them with a stout heart, and with a fortitude that finds its strength in faith.”

The City of God: Augustine of Hippo

Recommended reading: Running Scared: Fear, Worry & the God of Rest by Edward T. Welch

Growing Notes: Exodus 5

- Share a time when you thought God's promises seemed to contradict his providence. How were you affected? What are some biblical ways to deal with that?
- Pray and read the text together.
- What do you learn about unbelief from Pharaoh, the foremen, and Moses in this passage?
- How would wholehearted trust and obedience to God's word fuel belief in your life?
- How would a fear of the LORD over a fear of man fuel belief in your life?
- What does it look like to wait on the LORD? Is this hard for you? Why or why not?
- Listen to God's word and meditate on who He is 6:6-8. Share one thing you can apply in your life from what you have read today.