

# CALLED TO LEAD

Portraits of Leadership: A Tale of Two Leaders (Exodus 1–14)

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**Two Nations:** Egypt and Israel

**Two Leaders:** As we move through 14 chapters of Exodus, make note of the relevant biographical details and the description of the leadership of both men.

Moses	Pharaoh

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## The Leadership of Moses & Pharaoh:

- Similarities
  
- The Difference

## Exodus 9:14-17

In a short but powerful and packed passage, all the elements of every cycle in the story that is told in Exodus 1–14 are summarized. It is also a clear description and explanation of the triangle of leadership. Pharaoh and Moses are a tale of two leaders—and their leader, the God of the universe.

*<sup>14</sup> For this time I will send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth. <sup>15</sup> For if by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth. <sup>16</sup> But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth. <sup>17</sup> Still you exalt yourself <sup>18</sup> Behold, about this time tomorrow, I will send a very heavy hail, such as has not been seen in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. <sup>19</sup> Now therefore send, bring your livestock and whatever you have in the field to safety. Every man and beast that is found in the field and is not brought home, when the hail comes down on them, will die.*

1. There is Nobody Like God
2. All Authority is Given by God
3. God Is Actively Involved. He is Not Passive
4. God is Purposeful
5. God is Gracious
6. The Goodness of God is Clearly Seen in Contrast with the Wickedness of Man
7. The Leader is Not a Passive Participant

## Discussion Questions:

- Read 1 Timothy 2:1–8 How should we pray for our leaders?
- What aspects of the leadership of Moses do you want to imitate?
- How does the leadership of Pharaoh impact how you think about your own leadership?
- How does the story of Pharaoh and Moses affect how you vote?

## Additional Resources:

- Listen to, or read the transcript of the sermon, “Moses: The Decisions of Faith” (Dec 13, 2009), available at: <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-387/moses-the-decisions-of-faith>
- Exodus 15:1–21 is the song of Moses and Israel after all the events recorded in the first 14 chapters. Read it and make a list of all the attributes and the works of God. Also make note of the actions the people committed to in response to the work of God.