

SERMON OUTLINE Exodus 5:1-23

Whom Will You Serve?

INTRODUCTION

THE CLASH OF GODS (1-9)

THE WRATH OF PHARAOH (10-14)

WHOM WILL YOU SERVE? (15-21)

MOSES' PLEA TO GOD (22-23)

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

What will Israel do in the face of adversity? God had warned Moses that He would harden Pharaoh's heart, and there would be a confrontation between God and Pharaoh. The clash of rivals plays out in chapter five as Pharaoh shows his unwillingness to surrender his authority to the "God of the Hebrews." The great question in this chapter is what the people of God will do when facing hardship after initially believing God's promise to deliver them from their burdens. Whom will they serve?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. How do you respond to adversity? What does this tell you about yourself?
3. Is there a rival to God in your life? What does this rival demand of you?
4. Whom do you fear? How do your fears affect your choices?
5. How do people respond to you when you share the gospel with them?
6. Can you explain how this chapter helps us to see the connection between serving, working and worship?
7. Is there anyone in this passage worthy of emulation? Why or why not?
8. How is our situation similar or different from the Israelites in Exodus 5?
9. How should the Israelites have responded to Pharaoh's demands?
10. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Examine yourself: are you still living part of your life in the kingdom of darkness?
12. Share the gospel with someone. How did they respond?
13. Commit to a Bible reading plan this year.
14. Memorize Psalm 100.
15. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

16. Adoration. Praise God that He is love, friend, protector, healer, savior, and righteous. Praise God that He is triune.
17. Confess. Confess any ways you neglected to obey the Lord. Confess any ways you've been apathetic to or selfish about God's commands.
18. Thanksgiving. Thank God for choosing you out of the world, for providing help for the world's hatred and persecution, thank God for loving you in Christ. Thank Jesus for remaining perfectly faithful to the Father through the very end and the example that is for us. Thank God for the Christians in your life that have loved you in a protecting and healing way.
19. Supplication. Ask God to heal the wounds of the world in the lives of the people you love. Ask God to help us live like Jesus no matter the cost. Ask God to help us love one another well. Ask God to help us see His glory more clearly and fully. Ask God to help us love the world in such a way that demonstrates God's mercy and grace.