

## MOSES – LIFE OF DESTINY #9 “Responding to Trouble”

Exodus 6:1-11

*Out of things getting worse, God shows the answer: God! We need to learn how to respond to trouble by focusing on God.*

**Exodus 6:1-13** <sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.” <sup>2</sup>And God spoke to Moses and said to him: “I am the LORD. <sup>3</sup>I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them. <sup>4</sup>I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. <sup>5</sup>And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. <sup>6</sup>Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. <sup>7</sup>I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup>And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.’ ” <sup>9</sup>So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>11</sup>“Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel go out of his land.”

### I. THE PROBLEM

A. Moses story shows some common problems in doing the will of God

1. **The circumstances can get worse:** A problem was bad before – but then it gets even worse

a. More trouble/higher costs/more conflict/greater demonic attacks b. Pharaoh: Bricks without straw

2. **People will sometimes not respond well:**

a. Pharaoh: The people we need to agree to help – do not; And they become vile about it

1. Bosses/landlords/city officials/government officials 2. Afrikaner: We do not want churches in our halls!

b. The people: Sometimes the people we are trying to save and help do not respond well - well to us

1. **V9** So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.

B. God helps us by telling us these things in advance

1. He is not a salesman trying to trick us: *The sun will always shine/you’ll be rich/people will love you*

a. Jesus was honest with his disciples: *In this world – you will have trouble!*

b. Moses story is a story of trouble: *Because the life of destiny involves trouble*

2. If you fail to see & accept that: It will mess with your head

a. Pharaoh/the devil is too big b. My people are the worst c. I can’t do it d. God is unfair

1. **Exodus 5:23** *I went to the king and said what you told me to say, but ever since that time he has made the people suffer. And you have done nothing to save them.”*

### II. THE ANSWER

A. We make mistakes when faced with problems and people

1. We can get discouraged and quit: *Elisha* 2. We can get angry at people: *Moses striking the rock*

2. We can stop doing right: *Asa hires mercenaries instead trust* 4. We can get mad at God: *You’re not fair!*

a. If we do: *People aren’t helped/the enemy isn’t defeated/God is not pleased*

B. God gives Moses the answer: God!

1. God Doesn’t discuss how bad Pharaoh is how/fickle people are/how weak Moses is: He shows *Himself!*

a. **He reminds Moses of who He is: V2** And God spoke to Moses and said to him: “I am the LORD.

1. Covenant-keeping God: *The powerful God who keeps His promises* 2. Not dependent on people or circumstances

b. **He reminds Moses of His great power: V6** *I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.*

1. *I am strong enough to overcome enemies/help people/provide what you need*

c. **He reminds Moses of His promises: V4** *I established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan*

1. **V8** *I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.’ ”*

a. What has God promised you as His child? b. What has He promised you personally?

### III. THE RESPONSE

A. If God is the answer...

1. **We must deliberately focus on God:** *His character/power/promises – instead of people/problems...*

a. **1 Samuel 30:6** *...but David strengthened himself in the Lord His God.*

2. **We must choose to believe God:** Faith is often a choice to believe God – in spite of...

a. **Luke 5:5** <sup>5</sup>But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

3. **We must obey God: Do what He told us to do – regardless of how we feel**

a. **V10** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>11</sup>“Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel go out of his land.”

1. Go to church/pray/read your Bible/witness/reach out to people