

Moses Confronts Pharaoh

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Exodus 4:19 Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead."

Exodus 4:22-23 Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, ²³and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'

Exodus 5:2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."

The start of any resistance brings about greater pressure.

Exodus 5:21 and they [Israelite foreman] said, "May the LORD look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."

As the pressure rises, the rank and file start to be discouraged and complain.

Christ centered leadership has a vision for God's will and way.

Esther 4:14b And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

We like things to go smoothly, but God allows difficult times in our lives so that we can trust Him more.

Exodus 6:2-9 God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty,^[a] but by my name the LORD^[b] I did not make myself fully known to them. ⁴I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. ⁵Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. ⁸And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'" ⁹

⁹ Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor.

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

By being fully man He could die in our place.

By being fully God he could live without sin & rise from the grave.