

**MESSAGE NOTES**  
**Exodus: When God Shows Up**  
**MOSES' OBEDIENCE**  
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**FOUR TRUTHS CONCERNING OBEDIENCE**

1. Obedience often begins with a **COLLISION**.

*Exodus 5* Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.'" <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword." <sup>4</sup> But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!" <sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working."

2. The enemy seeks to **SABOTAGE** us at every turn.

<sup>6</sup> That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people: <sup>7</sup> "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. <sup>8</sup> But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'" <sup>9</sup> Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies." <sup>10</sup> Then the slave drivers and the overseers went out and said to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you any more straw. <sup>11</sup> Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.'" <sup>12</sup> So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw. <sup>13</sup> The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, "Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw." <sup>14</sup> And Pharaoh's slave drivers beat the Israelite overseers they had appointed, demanding, "Why haven't you met your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?"

*"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:11*

3. Sometimes obedience makes things **HARDER** before it makes them **EASIER**.

<sup>15</sup> Then the Israelite overseers went and appealed to Pharaoh: "Why have you treated your servants this way? <sup>16</sup> Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, 'Make bricks!' Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people." <sup>17</sup> Pharaoh said, "Lazy, that's what you are—lazy! That is why you keep saying, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.'" <sup>18</sup> Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks." <sup>19</sup> The Israelite overseers realized they were in trouble when they were told, "You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day." <sup>20</sup> When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, <sup>21</sup> and they 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."

*“Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:8-9*

4. **QUESTIONING** God doesn’t make us disobedient – it acknowledges who’s in charge.

*<sup>22</sup> Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? <sup>23</sup> Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”*

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 NKJV*

*\*All scripture in NIV unless specified*

#### **ACTION STEPS:**

Read Exodus 5.

Pray to be obedient to God’s word.

Invite someone to church