

Sermon: When Things Get Worse Before They Get Better.
Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.

Scripture: Exodus 5.
Date: October 2, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Has it ever felt like your life is moving backwards? Like God wasn't delivering you?
- b) Do you have a "Pharaoh" in your life? Who are you working to please? Who do you fear? Or are you a "Pharaoh" that needs to let someone be free?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) God is silent in this chapter. Why do you think God goes "silent" at times? How does God's silence help us learn to trust him more? How does our suffering bring about our sanctification?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) How is Jesus the "anti-Pharaoh?" Read Matthew 11:228-30. What is the rest that Jesus offers to those who are enslaved?
- b) In verse 23 Moses complains that God has not delivered his people at all. How does the cross of Jesus answer this complaint?

APPLICATION

- a) Re-read verses 22-23. Moses turned to the Lord with his complaint. Is there anything that you need to complain to God about (rather than complaining about God)?
- b) In what way do you need to obey the Lord even though it might be costly?

FIGHTER VERSES: Hebrews 11:24-26.

PRAYER

- Thank God that he is committed to our sanctification.
- Confess ways that you have turned to "Pharaohs" for relief instead of turning to God.
- Thank Jesus for being the "anti-pharaoh" that gives rest to the weary and heavy burdened.
- Ask God to help you bring your complaints to him in your suffering.