

Showdown in Egypt Part 8 *Dealing with Pushback*

Message to Conversation Guide

Exodus 5:1-9

1 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.'"

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."

3 **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."**4 But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!" **5 Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working."**

6 That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people: 7 "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. 8 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.' 9 Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies." NIV

Discussion Questions

1. What is the battle of implementation according to the sermon this week? Why is the idea to do something easier than doing it? Give some examples of some positive things that are hard to implement in your life?
2. Pharaoh's first pushback to Moses was "Who is the LORD?" (Exod. 5:2) how is this response illustrative of the difference between believers and non-believers? Discuss the scriptures on the Lordship of Jesus that are listed below.

Col. 2:6

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, NIV

Romans 10:9

*9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. NIV (see **Exod.21:6**)*

3. How does the book of James convey we are to make life's big decisions?

James 4:13-16

13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. **15** **Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."** 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. NIV

4. The instrument of making Jesus Lord and thus producing transformation in us is the Word of God. What type of things does Word produce in our lives as followers of Jesus?

Eph. 5:25-26

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless NIV

5. One of the keys to implementation is patience and not expecting immediate results. How do the following verses demonstrate this as a reality? Discuss our goals and personal changes are a process and not instantaneous.

Habit is habit and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time. Mark Twain

Celebrate Progress not Perfection!

Philippians 1:6

6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

6. According to the verse below does resistance to an objective to a goal mean the goal is not God's will.

1 Cor. 6:9

9 because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. NIV

7. Discuss the role of the supernatural and power of the Holy Spirit to deliver Israel out of Egypt?

Exodus 6:1

*1 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh:
Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he
will drive them out of his country.” NIV*

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” NIV