

**“Bondage” • Exodus 5**

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**Intro** • *What do you find a little addicting? Potato chips? Sweets? Cat videos? Caffeine?*

**Opening Texts:** In the wilderness, after being set free from Egypt, we see God’s people—

Psalms 95:7b–11 • have hard hearts

Exodus 16:3 • would have preferred to die in Egypt

Numbers 11:4–6 • miss their Egyptian food—and hate God’s manna

Numbers 14:2–4 • decide to appoint a new leader—and go back to Egypt

Nehemiah 9:16–17 • were stubborn, arrogant, and refused to listen

Acts 7:39 • in their hearts they turned back to Egypt

**The POINT** • They were in bondage to Pharaoh; but they were ultimately in bondage to THEIR SIN → because even when set free, they still wanted to return! They were in bondage to...

- a lack of faith
- what was familiar
- their identity and lifestyle as slaves
- pride, hard–hearts, arrogance
- false gods

**2 Timothy 2:25** • the devil holds people captive to do his will—but they can be set free by a knowledge of the truth, if they come to their senses.

Pharaoh’s bricks and withholding straw picture what satan is still doing to people—the desperate condition of those held captive by their sinful desires and lusts.

**For discussion** • *Review the 5 lessons below, and how they apply!*

Exodus 5:1–3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Lesson 1** → **This world doesn’t care for you** \_\_\_\_\_

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Vs 4–9 • \_\_\_\_\_

**Lesson 2** → **Imagine if your mind was fully set on God!** \_\_\_\_\_

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Vs 10–14 • \_\_\_\_\_

**Lesson 3** → **Bondage to sin is never satisfied** \_\_\_\_\_

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There are only “passing pleasures” in sin (Hebrews 11:24–25), but sin

makes every increasing demands • \_\_\_\_\_

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Vs 15–19 • they “saw that they were in trouble” \_\_\_\_\_

Vs 20–21 • but they blame Moses and Aaron!

**Lesson 4** → **When you intervene, expect to be blamed!** \_\_\_\_\_

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Vs 22–23 • Moses cries out in desperation

Exodus 6:1 • God’s amazing response: *Now you shall see what I will do!*

**Lesson 5** → **You aren’t the Savior; take them to Jesus!**

God hasn’t forgotten. We don’t know *how* or *when* rescue will happen—but we know GOD CAN! The Truth → Our victory has already been accomplished for us.

Application → Satan’s spiritual deception has to be countered in the *spiritual realms!* So, PRAY for eyes to be opened, to see the victory available in Jesus, and ONLY in Jesus! Our prayer is that people will see the prison doors are already open!