

**BIG TRUTH:** God sometimes deepens the struggle to display His deliverance  
**What Do We Learn About God From this Story?**

**1. God's Plan, Faithfully Followed, Can Initially Result in Hardship** 5:1-14

For Moses and the Israelites, faithful obedience to God resulted in opposition.

Two misconceptions to avoid:

- 1) If God calls me to do something, it will be trouble-free, smooth sailing the whole way.
  - 2) If God calls me to do something, I'll see visible, outward results right from the start.
- Often we have to persevere through difficulties; the results don't come until later. In the end, it is clear that it was God working all along, and He gets the glory He deserves.

**2. God Is Ultimately the Source of Deliverance** 5:15-18

When things got worse for the Hebrew slaves, their officials went to the source of their bondage, not the source of their deliverance! They should have gone to Moses first, asking him to beseech God on their behalf.

**3. God Is Patient With Weak Faith** 5:19-23

The Hebrew officials were weak in faith. They went first to complain to Pharaoh, and then angrily confronted and accused Moses and Aaron! Moses was then weak in faith, angrily confronting and accusing God! Yet God was patient with all of them.

Caution: God's patience is not without limits.

**4. God's Identity Guarantees his Promises** 6:1-8

God reiterated His covenant promises, recounted His past faithfulness, and restated His plans to deliver His people.

Note His seven "I will" statements in vv.6-8:

- 1) "I will bring you out." 2) "I will free you." 3) "I will redeem you." 4) "I will take you as my own people." 5) "I will be your God." 6) "I will bring you to the land" 7) "I will give it to you as a possession"

Because of His character, they could trust Him as their deliverer.

**5. God is Sovereign Over Opposition** 6:9-13

The Israelites opposed Moses, Pharaoh opposed God, but God would gain victory over both. His deliverance plan could not be stopped.

**Personal Application:**

As you consider your life, it is important to apply what you have learned about God today to your current situation.

1. Are you currently doing what you feel God wants you to do, but you are facing difficulties? Will you trust God and remain faithful while waiting on His timing?
2. Are you currently having difficulties in some area of your life? Will you go to the source of your deliverance (God) before going to the source of your difficulty?
3. God is patient with weak faith. Are you having trouble trusting God in some area of your life? Will you confess this to Him, appeal to His grace, and ask Him to help you?
4. Are you resting in God's faithfulness to His covenant promises to you in Christ?
5. Are you weary and about to give up? By faith embrace Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."