

# When Nothing Goes Right and Life Gets Harder

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**Bible Passage:** Exodus 5:1-6:1

Introduction:

## Fighter Memory Verse March

John 1:12-13

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Big Idea:** When things don't go the way you want, God is still \_\_\_\_\_.

### #1- The obedience of Moses and Aaron is met with Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-14)

- A \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ is often met with opposition.
- Moses first opposition came from \_\_\_\_\_
- **Life Insight: Obedience does not always lead to an** \_\_\_\_\_

### #2- The obedience of Moses and Aaron caused the Israelites \_\_\_\_\_ (5:15-21)

- The opposition against Moses continued from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Where do you go from here?
  - These moments teach you a lot about yourself.
- **Life Insight: " \_\_\_\_\_ of self" has to precede " \_\_\_\_\_ from God"**

### #3- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Moses and Aaron lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith (5:22-23)

- In those times where our following God takes us to a place of confusion...
  - be \_\_\_\_\_ by principle (truth) not your emotions
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to God and share your confusion BUT don't question Yahweh
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to Yahweh's words of truth

### Truth Into Action:

- When you seek to live a long-obedience, you will face opposition both from outside (Pharaoh) and within (the Israelites and His own spirit). **--GUARD YOUR OWN HEART AND LIVE HUMBLE!**
- Opposition in your long-obedience might cause you to question whether or not you are on the right path. **--THE PATH OF OBEDIENCE IS HARD BUT THE JOURNEY GETS EASIER!**
- When you have a personal crisis of faith pour out your heart to YAHWEH. **Remind yourself He is the I AM!**

### Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

# Table Talk

**This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.**

**Warm Up:** What is your reflex (knee jerk response) when things don't go the way you planned?

1. When you obey God and things get harder, not better, how do you tend to react? What does this suggest about your affections?
2. What kinds of difficulties or setbacks have you faced in serving the Lord? How did you deal with them? What did you learn?
3. Do you agree that Moses sinned in the way he complained to the Lord (Exod. 5:22-23)?
  - When do we cross the line from an honest complaint to sinful defiance?
  - How do you respond to criticisms and discouragement?
  - Where do you turn when you find yourself the object of criticism?
4. Do you think that obedience to God ought to guarantee an easy path? If yes, why? If not, why not?
5. Reread the **Truth into Action** points in the sermon notes and discuss how they might influence your actions this week.

**Closing Prayer:** Lord Jesus remind me that it is NEVER EASY TO OBEY and OBEDIENCE also NEVER DISAPPOINTS! Grow my heart affections for You this Easter week. Amen!

Bible Reading Easter Week:

Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-19; Monday-- Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:12-14; Matthew 21:23-27; Tuesday -- Mark 11:22-26; Wednesday-- Matthew 20:14-15; Maundy Thursday-- Luke 22:7-23; Good Friday-- John 19; Luke 23:32-47; Saturday-- Luke 23:55-56; Easter Sunday-- Luke 24:1-10; John 20:19-20