

Meet the Champ

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Our expectations about God come from our experience of Him.

Exodus 5:1–6:9

When commanded by God, we often issue our own commands.

Hebrews 3:18–19

When things go bad in obeying God, we look to blame.

If obedience doesn't give immediate blessing, we can be so disappointed that we quit.

The real problem is we don't know God like we think we do.

God answers by inviting us to experience who He really is.

God invites us to experience Him as promise keeper.

Luke 22:20

Ephesians 1:13–14

God invites us to experience Him as deliverer.

Galatians 1:3–4

God invites us to experience He has control.

Colossians 2:13–15

sermon discussion

RECAP THE SERMON

Spend some time discussing the sermon. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you, or anything that stood out?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Describe a time when someone, such as a boss, employee, parent, or child, expressed strong resistance to a plan you felt passionate about. How did their response make you feel? What was their reason for resisting your plans?
2. **Read Exodus 5:4-9.** How would you describe Pharaoh's response to Moses? Have there been times in your life when you responded like Pharaoh and rebuffed or ignored God and His Word? Take a moment to share.
3. **Read Exodus 5:19-23.** Who do the foremen blame for their difficulties? What is Moses' response to them, and where does he direct his frustrations?
4. **Read Exodus 6:1-9.** How would you describe God's response to Moses? What does it reveal about God's character?
5. When you encounter difficulty or hardship pursuing God's will, how do you typically respond? Are you surprised or discouraged? Do you expect it or blame God? Why do you think that is?
6. How does knowing God's character and Word impact your response to hardship or suffering?
7. On what part of God's character or Word do you find most helpful to focus when facing obstacles or difficulties? Is there anyone you could encourage with these truths over the coming week?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Psalms 103:8 ESV

EXPLORE THE SCRIPTURES:

- Read through Hebrews paying attention to role of Christ and how God's character is described throughout the book.
- Read Matthew 5:2-12. How many of the life situations described in these verses describe hardships or difficulties? What is the reward or God's response to those conditions?
- Read James 1:2-5. How does this passage describe what our attitude and response to trials should be?