

CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) Thinking about this week, what is something you are thankful for or something you would like prayer for?
- 2) Read Exodus 4:29-6:12. As soon as things got difficult, the Israelites stopped listening to God's promise of freedom (6:9). Have you ever resisted a necessary change in your life because it seemed too difficult or painful?
- 3) God sometimes allows things to get worse before they get better. How can this test our faith?
- 4) Pharaoh increases the people's burdens and then blames them for their own suffering (5:17). Can you think of examples today where vulnerable people are blamed for their hardships?
- 5) Moses risked his own safety to stand up for people that were vulnerable and oppressed. How can the church support such people today?
- 6) Read Matthew 25:31-46. Close in prayer. Cry out to God for people in need. Pray that we have the eyes to see them and the hearts to love them.

Memory Passage

"Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner,
for you were foreigners in Egypt.
Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless.
If you do and they cry out to me,
I will certainly hear their cry."
— Exodus 22:21-23 (NIV)

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10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Pastor Felisha

Songs of Praise

"House of the Lord"

"You Never Let Go"

"Breakthrough"

Prayer

Pastor Travis

Announcements

Pastor Felisha

Sermon

Pastor Travis

▪ *The Cost of Crying Out* ▪

Song of Praise

"Doxology"

Benediction

Exodus 5:1-9, 19-23 (NIV)

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. ⁸But 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.”

¹⁹ The Israelite overseers realized they were in trouble when they were told, “You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.” ²⁰ When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, ²¹ and they said, “May the LORD look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

²² Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me?

²³ Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all."

Notes:

The Cost of Crying Out