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¹Afterward 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.'" ²Pharaoh 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."

Let My People Go!

³Then 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." ⁴But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!"

–Ex 5:1-4

Let My People Go!

⁶That 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."

Tighten The Screws

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.' ⁹Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."
–Ex 5:6-9

Tighten The Screws

¹⁵Then the Israelite overseers went and appealed to Pharaoh: "Why have you treated your servants this way? ¹⁶Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, 'Make bricks!' Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people. –Ex 5:15-16

Unfair Labor Laws

The problem is not a **resolve** issue; the problem is a **resource** issue; that has become a **results** issue; creating a **response** issue! Pharaoh believes the problem is a **relaxing** issue!

¹⁹The 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." ²⁰When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, ²¹and 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." –Ex 5:19-21

The Joys of Leadership

²²Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? ²³Ever 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."

–Ex 5:22-23

Chain of Command

¹Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." ²God also said to Moses, "I am the Lord. ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself fully known to them."

Beginning of the End

⁴I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. ⁵Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. –Ex 6:1-5

Beginning of the End

I can **trust** my Father to get me where he **promised**...even when the journey takes an unexpected **detour**.

¹⁰Then the Lord said to Moses, ¹¹“Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country.” ¹²But Moses said to the Lord, “If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?” –Ex 6:10-12

Mouthing Off

⁸“We were under great pressure, **far beyond our ability to endure**, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might **not rely on ourselves but on God**, who raises the dead. ¹⁰He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. **On him we have set our hope** that he will continue to deliver us.” –2 Cor. 1:8-10

1. The God of Rescue

But when **Pharaoh** saw that there was relief, he **hardened his heart** and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said. –Ex 8:15

Therefore **God gave them over** in the sinful desires of their hearts... –Rom. 1:24

2. The God of Greatness

“Hell is simply God answering our prayers to get out of our lives and let us be in charge.”

– C.S. Lewis –

²²What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction. ²³What if he did this to make the riches of his **glory** known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for **glory**. —Rom. 9:22-23

3. The God of Glory

When someone has the ability to rescue,
they don't whisper **suggestions**.
They give **commands**.