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Exodus 4:29-6:13

Based on NLT

Exodus 4:29-31

Then Moses and Aaron returned to Egypt and called all the elders of Israel together.³⁰ Aaron told them everything the LORD had told Moses, and Moses performed the miraculous signs as they watched.³¹ Then the people of Israel were convinced that the LORD had sent Moses and Aaron. When they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Exodus 5:1-3

After this presentation to Israel's leaders, Moses and Aaron went and spoke to *the king*. They told him, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Let my people go so they may hold a festival in my honor in the wilderness."

² "Is that so?" retorted Pharaoh. "And who is the LORD? Why should I listen to him and let Israel go? I don't know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go."

³ But Aaron and Moses persisted...*to no avail*.

Exodus 5:6-20

⁶ That same day Pharaoh sent this order to the Egyptian slave drivers and the Israelite foremen:⁷ "Do not supply any more straw for making bricks. Make the people get it themselves!"⁸ But still require them to make the same number of bricks as before...Make them sweat! That will teach them to listen to lies!"

¹⁰ So the slave drivers and foremen went out and...*did what the king told them to do*...¹⁹ The Israelite foremen could see that they were in serious trouble...²⁰ ...*so the foremen* confronted Moses and Aaron...

Exodus 5:22-23

²² Then Moses went back to the LORD and protested, "Why have you brought all this trouble on your own people, Lord? Why did you send me?"²³ ... you have done nothing to rescue them!"

Exodus 6:2-5

² And God said to Moses, "*My name is 'I am who I am.'*"³ I appeared to Abraham *and to his sons as...* 'God Almighty'—but I did not reveal my name, *I am who I am*, to them.⁴ *But I made a covenant with them, and under its terms, I promised to give them the land of Canaan, where they were living as foreigners.*⁵ You can be sure that...I am well aware of my covenant with them.

Exodus 6:6-8

⁶ "Therefore, say to the people of Israel: 'I am the LORD. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt...' ⁷ I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt. ⁸ I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham *and his sons*. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the LORD!' "

Exodus 6:9-13

⁹ So Moses told the people of Israel what the LORD had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery.

¹⁰ Then the LORD said to Moses,
¹¹ "Go back to...the king of Egypt, and tell him to let the people of Israel leave his country."

¹² “But LORD!” Moses objected. “My own people won’t listen to me anymore. How can I expect Pharaoh to listen? I’m such a clumsy speaker!*

¹³ But the LORD...commanded Moses and Aaron to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt.

- What did you like about this story?
- What bothered you?
- How did God respond to Moses’ complaints? (*When Moses blames God, God can answer with WHO he is—because he knows who he is. When Moses blames himself, God gets angry because it means Moses has the potential to not keep up his end of the bargain—God knows he will keep up his own end.*)
- What did God promise and command Moses and his people in this story? (*to look ahead to the possession he wants to give them*)
- How did Moses and the people respond?
- What leadership qualities did Moses show in this story?
- When the going gets tough, how do you typically respond to God’s promises and commands? What could you do instead?
- Are you like Moses? The people?
- *God promised two things--- actual salvation from the horrible conditions in Egypt (our salvation from the penalty for sin), and an inheritance of the promised land. We are saved FROM something and TO something else.*