

Settling for the Common

Reason 5: Doing the Impossible Is Hard

Reason 6: Most People Dream of Doing Impossible, But Settle for Doing the Common

Three Promises

I Will Go with You

Exodus 3:11-12

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” **12** And God said, “I will be with you

I Will Harden Pharaoh’s Heart

Exodus 4:21

The Lord said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

I Will Give You the Tools to Free the People

Exodus 3:19-21

But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. **20** So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. **21** “And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed.

Exodus 5:1-14

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. **8** But 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.”

10 Then the slave drivers and the overseers went out and said to the people, “This is what Pharaoh says: ‘I will not give you any more straw. **11** Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.’” **12** So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw. **13** The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, “Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw.” **14** And Pharaoh’s slave drivers beat the Israelite overseers they had appointed, demanding, “Why haven’t you met your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?”

Pharaoh was mad, the overseers were mad, but most importantly the Jewish people were mad.

Exodus 5:19-21

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.”

Three Questions

Did God Send Moses?

Did God Harden Pharaoh’s Heart?

Would God Give Moses the Tools?

Most people quit trying to do the impossible with God because they’re under the erroneous belief that with God’s help, the impossible becomes easy.

The truth is trusting God is never easy and common and following God will never be without opposition

Moses Is Mad at God

Exodus 5:22-23

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.”

God Has Three Great Desires in Exodus

The First Priority to Free and Bless God’s People

A Second Priority Is to Teach the People of Israel That They Can Trust God.

A Third Priority Just a Significance to God Used to Be Punishment on Iniquity.

Each Is Accomplished Through a Process

Bringing Them Out Is an Impossible Task

Learning Faith Comes Through Hard Knocks and Difficulty

Exodus 6:1-8

Then 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.”

2 God also said to Moses, “I am the Lord. **3** I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty,[a] but by my name the Lord[b] I did not make myself fully known to them. **4** I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. **5** Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

6 “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. **7** I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.**8** And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.’”

What God Desires Is Faithful Obedience and Trust In Him.

Exodus 6:9

Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor.

They desired to go back to slavery, being common rather than face the difficulty of following and trusting God