

SLAVES SET FREE
A Study in the Book of Exodus
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God's Program

Exodus 4:18–6:13

*"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today.
The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you;
you need only to be still."* Exodus 14:13–14

Day 1: Read Exodus 4:18–23.

1. What action did Moses take in response to his experience with God at the burning bush?
(v. 18)

2. What fears must Moses have had about returning to Egypt?

3. How does God reassure Moses? (vv. 19, 21–23)

What is reassuring to you when you have fears?

Day 2: Read Exodus 4:24–26 and Genesis 17:1–14.

4. What was the purpose of circumcision? (Gen. 17:10–11)

5. Commentators suggest that the phrase "the Lord met Moses and was about to kill him" (4:24) means that Moses became very ill and was about to die. How did Zipporah save her husband from God's wrath? (v. 25)

6. What does this incident show about God's holiness/commitment to His covenant?

Day 3: Read Exodus 4:27–5:4.

7. We relate in different ways to family members, our churches, and the outside world. Compare the ways Moses approached Aaron (4:27-28), the elders of Israel (4:29-30), and Pharaoh (5:1).
8. Characterize the *responses* of Aaron, the elders.
9. Characterize Pharaoh's response in light of the fact that the Egyptians had more than 2,000 "gods". (📖* Rom. 1:20-21)

Day 4: Read Exodus 5:6–21.

10. What were the immediate results of Moses' obedience to God? (5:6–9)
11. What was the response of the Israelite foremen when Moses' plan did not immediately succeed?
 - a. Before Pharaoh (5:15–18)
 - b. Before Moses and Aaron? (5:19-21)
12. Following God is not always easy. Share a memory of a time when obedience was similarly hard for you.

Day 5: Read Exodus 5:22—6:13.

13. Consider how candidly Moses prays in 5:22–23. What strikes you about his honesty?

14. List several of God's responses to Moses' complaints and fears. (6:1–8)

15. What do these responses show you about God?

16. What weakness did Moses fall back on to excuse himself in a difficult circumstance? (6:12)

17. Is there any way in which you find yourself responding to God similarly in your life?