

Monday (July 7 th)	<p><u>Scripture: Exodus 4:10-23</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God responded positively and with grace to Moses' resistance, even in His anger. God provided everything Moses needed to complete the difficult task. Have you ever made excuses instead of responding faithfully to God? 2. Are you struggling and assuming that God does not understand you at all? Could you ask God to walk with you through a difficult experience? Could you ask Him to send you a helper?
Tuesday (July 8 th)	<p><u>Scripture: Exodus 5:1-9</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The liberation of the people is not for the sake of economic or political freedom, but as God says in Exodus 4:23, so that Israel may go and "worship me". Liberation for the Israelites is to go from service in mortar and bricks in Egypt, to serving the Lord. 2. Ref. 1 Cor. 5. The paradox of liberation in Christ is slavery in Christ. So this is also true today for the people of God. Without this slavery to Christ, the possibility for liberation from sin does not exist. From what oppression did Jesus free you from?
Wednesday (July 9 th)	<p><u>Scripture: Exodus 5:10-23</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contrast chapter 4:29-31 with chapter 5:20-21. What had happened to change the people's attitude? How did Moses react? 2. Exodus 5 sees the full engagement of the conflict concerning who was in control and who will be served. Like the Pharaoh, in what ways do we impede opportunities for the people of God's growth? How do we ourselves sap the vitality of the people and cause them to shrivel? If not towards others, do we do this to ourselves daily?
Thursday (July 10 th)	<p><u>Scripture: Exodus 6:1-27</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider God's answer to Moses' cry. What does it teach us about the faithfulness of God and the reliability of His promises? 2. God had called Moses and promised deliverance to the people. Why did he delay so long in fulfilling His promise? What did Moses learn from these difficult experiences and delays? 3. Establishing Aaron's legitimacy in the genealogy is important for his role in Exodus. It is also necessary in light of the calf incident in Ex.32. His lineage and call by God establishes his role as priest.

Friday (July 11 th)	<p><u>Scripture: Exodus 6:28-7:13</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why was Pharaoh so adamant and so confident in disobeying God's command? Ref. 7:11-13, 22, & 23. How does this kind of opposition to God show itself now? Ref. 2Tim. 3:1-9. 2. We must carefully examine ourselves and our churches in order to discover how we, the Church, as well as the Church leadership, play the part of Pharaoh. This kind of self-examination calls for courage and humility. It also calls for love and faithfulness to the gospel and to the people for whose sake the gospel is preached. 3. How are we helping the people of God to discover their spiritual gifts and use them for the building up of the body and for the life of the world?
Saturday (July 12 th)	<p><u>Scripture: Exodus 7:14-25</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first plague ended as it began: "Pharaoh's heart was hard" (v.14, 22). He responded, "He turned and went into his palace". The Pharaoh's lack of power to provide for his people is juxtaposed to the Lord's control of the water, and later provision of water for the thirsty people in the wilderness. 2. The plagues reveal that God is the creator of all things and the redeemer of His people. The Lord is not simply an awesome creator, but a personal force of deliverance, seeking an exclusive and intimate relationship with the people of Israel in history. Is He seeking an exclusive and intimate relationship with you today? Is there an area or areas in your life that needs this kind of relationship?
Sunday (July 13 th)	<p><u>Scripture: Psalm 59</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make a list of the different ways in which David addresses God. How are the truths of the previous psalm applied more personally to the psalmist's own circumstances? Can you make similar applications?

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