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LESSON 9 EXODUS 5:1-23

Moses and Aaron begin their dealings with Pharaoh.

1. In v1a, what would be the conclusion drawn from Ex 4:28-31 regarding Moses and Aaron?
 - How does the request in 1b compare with the command in Ex 4:22-23? In what way might Ex 4:21 help explain the difference? See also Ex 3:18.
2. In v2, how does Pharaoh's response speak to how he views Moses and Aaron? What is the gist of Pharaoh's response?
3. List several things that you think are significant in the answer in v3.
4. In vv4-5, what is Pharaoh's attitude and main concerns?
5. In vv6-9, what is Pharaoh's strategy?
 - What are Pharaoh's aims in his strategy, implicit and explicit?
 - What do these say about his view of their request?

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- To whom does Pharaoh give this strategy?
6. Vv10-16, how closely did the Egyptians hold to the strategy and what are some of the results of the implementation of the strategy?
- Who do the foremen seem to be?
 - What changes in v14?
 - To whom do the foremen turn?
 - What is the foremen's complaint and at this point, whom do they blame for this?
7. Whom do the foremen blame in vv20-21?
- What is their complaint?
8. What are Moses' complaints?

CONTEMPLATION

9. How confident are you in saying, "Thus says the Lord?" When should you be confident in saying, "Thus says the Lord?"

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10. How do you respond when/if you make/note promises contained in scripture and things don't seem to work out the way you think they should?

11. To whom do you turn when things get tough? What are your options?

12. Does busyness crowd out your worship of God?