



## Exodus

THE JOURNEY TOWARD FREEDOM BEGINS

**Exodus 5:1-6:12**

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### MOSES AND AARON BEFORE PHARAOH

Finally - the encounter between YHWH and the gods of Egypt begins! Moses and Aaron begin the conversation with "Thus saith the LORD!" The message from the God of Israel was one of freedom and service. The people of God were called to freedom so that they may serve the LORD.

### PHARAOH'S HARD HEART

Pharaoh's response was swift and vengeful. His heart was hard from the very beginning. The Israelites suffered his wrath as their workload was increased greatly. The people of God suffered even more after the initial encounter between Moses/Aaron and the King of Egypt.

### THE ISRAELITES CONFRONT MOSES AND AARON

The overseers of the people of Israel blamed Moses and Aaron for the heightened level of suffering. This was going to be a costly journey!

### MOSES AND THE LORD

Leadership is a lonely journey. Moses needed the reassurance of the LORD's presence and His plan. God gave Moses the reassurance needed. However, the leaders of Israel were still reluctant --- as was Moses. The reality of this story is riveting. This is real life!

## POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. God's will is always best.
2. Freedom is found only in a relationship with God.
3. God is concerned about our relationship with Him.
4. Obedience is costly ---- to everyone!