

## GO (AGAINST ALL GODS)



**Exodus 6:28-7:13, ESV** – <sup>28</sup> On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, <sup>29</sup> the LORD said to Moses, "I am the LORD; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." <sup>30</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to me?"

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. <sup>2</sup> You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. <sup>3</sup> But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, <sup>4</sup> Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. <sup>5</sup> The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them. <sup>7</sup> Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. <sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, <sup>9</sup> "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'" <sup>10</sup> So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. <sup>11</sup> Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. <sup>12</sup> For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. <sup>13</sup> Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

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# SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of January 12, 2020  
Exodus 6:30-7:13

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that God's plan moves forward even when it seems like it is not. How does God reassure Moses and Aaron that this is true?
- 2 God tells Moses exactly what will happen when he and Aaron go before Pharaoh. Why do you think God goes through with the process even though He knows that Pharaoh will reject their request?
- 3 Share a time when you have had a similar situation to Moses and Aaron. How did you respond to God's assurances in the midst of the moment?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**A** *Isaiah 42:5-8, ESV – Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.”*

- 4 Looking at the passage above, what are some attributes of God that make Him worthy of our trust and faithfulness? Why?

5 God not only keeps us, but He uses us in the lives of others. How has He used you to “open the eyes that are blind” or to “bring out the prisoners from the dungeon”?

6 In light of this truth, why do believers still use excuses to not obey God? What are some examples of excuses you have used? What do you need to do to get past these barriers?

B **Mark 16:14-16, 19-20 ESV** – <sup>14</sup> *Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>19</sup> So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.*

7 Looking at the passage above, we see that even the eleven disciples had moments of unbelief and hardness of heart. Why do you think these men (who spent three years with Jesus) succumbed to these negative behaviors?

8 Why does Jesus rebuke them before giving them a commandment?

9 We also see that the Lord worked through them as they proclaimed the gospel to the world. How has God used you to proclaim the gospel to your part of the world? How does it make you feel knowing that God is working through you as you proclaim the gospel?

## TAKING IT HOME

God has a plan to move His kingdom forward and He chooses to use us in the process. We must remember that His only request is faith in Him. How are you doing with truly trusting God and being faithful to His calling on your life? How are you doing at being a “somebody who found out he/she was a nobody”? Share with your group or accountability partner and pray for a trusting and obedient heart for Christ.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 61:1-2

John 9:39

Acts 26:18