



"Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." Exodus 4:12

Bible Study:

Exodus 4:1-23; 27-31; Exodus 5; Exodus 6:1-13; 7:1-31. Notice the intensity of this story from so many perspectives: Moses – intensely fearful, Pharaoh – intensely prideful; the Israelites – intensely beat down and feeling hopeless; God – intensely promising to watch over who He refers to as His “firstborn son.” Scripture makes no attempts to portray the world as a gentle, serene place. Sin has thrown the world into chaos. And the more chaos we see, the more we come to appreciate a steadfast God who promises that the chaos is temporary, and He is triumphant.

The gospel in the story:

Pharaoh is the personification of the human heart. Without God, we are rebellious and want to be our own Lords. God, who will not share His glory with anyone or anything, has the power and sovereignty to win. In the case of Pharaoh, God hardened his heart so he was unable to see God’s grace. But thanks to Jesus, we have a gospel message that God will forgive all who put their faith in Jesus, and they get to see God’s grace in a huge way!

*Application:**Head:* **What did we learn?**

Q: Who is Moses? A: An Israelite that grew up in Pharaoh’s household, and now lives as an alien in Midian
Q: What did God ask Moses to do? A: Go face Pharaoh to ask for the release of the Israelites.
Q: Why did God want Moses to do this? A: God’s ultimate plan was to show His power as the one true God and Lord
Q: What was Moses’ response? A: He argued with God saying he wasn’t a good speaker.
Q: Did Moses win the argument with God? A: No, but God had mercy on him and teamed him up with his brother Aaron.
Q: What was Pharaoh’s response to Moses and Aaron’s request? A: He said no AND made the Israelites work harder! Pharaoh wanted to prove his Lordship.
Q: How did the Israelites react to having to work harder? A: They were very angry with Moses and Aaron?

Heart : **Memory verse**

“Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” Exodus 4:12

Hands: **How does this affect the way I live?**

We need God’s guidance in whatever we do.

Home: **How does this affect my household?**

Moses and Aaron represented the household of Levi, but had a larger family to represent – the chosen family of God. They did so by trusting God and being obedient to his instruction.

Heaven: **How does this help us share our faith?**

In this story, God’s ultimate purpose was to show how His care, concern, protection and provision for the Israelites. His Church today needs to be able to trust those purposes of God and proclaim them to the world regardless of circumstances.