

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# EXODUS 8

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Pharoah hardens his heart and God turns up the pressure. Moses is sent to Pharoah with the same demand, **"Let my people go, that they might serve me..."** with the ultimatum that if he refuses, God is going to send a plague of frogs throughout the land of Egypt, and they will be everywhere. God asked Pharoah to do one thing, **"Let my people go to serve me."** The word *serve* in the Hebrew text is the word which means to *serve, work or worship*. This word represents the Biblical concept of service. Service to God is work. Service to God is worship. We have associated "worship" with only one aspect of worship, that being **praise**. While praise is a vital aspect of worship and essential for us to learn and practice both individually and with others, it is only one aspect of worship. **Service** to God is part of the very nature of worship and without our service, all praise is empty. Worship and service also have the aspect of **work**. In our western mindset, we many times imply that all worship in praise, service and work is spontaneous and unrehearsed. This simply is not a Biblical perspective. If you are ever to be consistent in praise you learn quickly that praise is a command. That is, we are to

engage whether we "feel" like it or not. The same is true for something God has asked us to do. When God gives us a command, He is not appealing to our emotion, but rather our mind and our will. God expects obedience whether we "feel" like it or not. God knew that before the promises He made to Abraham could be fulfilled in the children of Israel, He would need to take them to Mt. Sinai and teach them who He is and how they know Him and approach him. This was why God's request was specific to Pharoah.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*Has God spoken to your heart about your worship practices? Are you worshipping God daily? You have set aside time through this 365 Bible Reading Plan to listen to God each day through reading the Bible. During this time of reading, pause each day and praise God. That can be as simple as telling God how wonderful He is. How faithful He has been. How you could not do without Him. Thank God for his goodness and mercy to you and look for ways to bless Him for who He is and what He has done in your life.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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