

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

Exodus 5

Exodus five records the confrontation of Moses and Pharaoh of Egypt and it did not go well for Moses. Moses demanded that Pharaoh allow the Hebrews to go into the desert on an extended pilgrimage to worship, celebrate and make sacrifice to YHVH, the God of Israel. Pharaoh hardened his heart and in a sign of defiance demanded that the taskmasters take away the straw from the Hebrew slaves, so they would not only have to get the mud pits ready and prepared, but now they were going to have to go find straw and bring it to the pits and not one brick less could they make. When the leaders of the Hebrews protested to Pharaoh, he told them of the demands of Moses and felt if they had time to go into the wilderness to be religious that they had time to find straw. As the Hebrew leaders were leaving Pharaoh's palace they saw Moses and Aaron and asked were they trying to put a sword in the hand of Pharaoh to kill them. Moses complained to God and asked why God allowed this to happen when He had done exactly as God had told him to do. God assured Moses that He was in control and that Moses was to continue in the way God had instructed.

Prayer and Action Steps

Moses followed what God told him to do, but it seemingly did not accomplish the desired end. Moses was confused and dismayed and asked God, "Why?" Following God does not always mean that everything is going to go your way. Sometimes following God means you are going to be very uncomfortable, and reality is that things might get worse before they get better. God has never promised that following Him would keep us from conflict, pain, or hardship, but He has promised that in the end He wins and so do you. Have you encountered opposition in your family, friendships and in the community where you live and work because you are seeking to follow God? Remember that Jesus sent the disciples into the midst of the storm He knew was coming? Why did He do that? One reason we know, was so He could come to meet them in the storm by walking on water. It also afforded Peter the opportunity to get out of the boat and walk on the water with Jesus. Doing God's will does not keep us from being uncomfortable. Following Jesus does not mean we have immediate success. What it does mean is that you can trust Him; if God leads somewhere, He will be right there with you every step of the way! Pray and thank God for His promise that He will never leave you nor forsake you.

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?

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

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

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

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? _____

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