Exodus Lesson 4 (2018)

**GOD SENDS MOSES TO PHARAOH**

Exodus 5:1-7:7

The Christian student group discovered a sure-fire winner for its reach-out meeting. Here was a famous businessman who was sure to attract a crowd. Confidently, the Christians plugged away at inviting their friends, and their work was rewarded with a packed room. An hour or so later they fled the room in defeat. They had tried to obey God but their venture failed. In a word, their hero speaker bombed. Discouragement enveloped the group like a dense fog. No doubt, Moss felt the same way, except the stakes were higher. In this study, he and Aaron are soundly rebuffed, though they doggedly pursue God’s will with obedient courage.

Open it:

1. What makes it difficult to follow through on tasks that you don’t want to do?

Explore it:

1. Read verses 1-9. When Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and asked let God’s people go, in what way did Pharaoh respond? (2, 4-9)
2. Read verses 10-21. In what way had the situation of the people of Israel gotten worse? (10-18) What heated words did the Israelite foreman share with Moses and Aaron? (20-21)
3. Read verses 22-23. How did a discouraged Moses describe his difficulties to God? How do you think you would have felt if you had faced the difficulties Moses was facing?
4. Read 6:1-12. In specific detail, how did God remind Moses of His covenant? (1-8) How responsive were the Israelites to Moses’ message? (9, also read 4:31) What did Moses tell to the Lord in his discouragement?
5. Read verses 13-29. What families were mentioned in the genealogy? (13-27) What kind of difficulty did Moses keep complaining to God about? (28-29)
6. Read 7:1-7. What was God’s solution to Moses’ speech problems? (1-2) What was God going to do to Pharaoh? (3) What was God going to do as a result of Pharaoh’s refusal to listen? (4-5) How did Moses respond to the Lord? (6)

Apply it:

1. In spite of defeat and discouragement (5:2, 6:9, 12, 30) Moses “did just as the Lord commanded” (7:6). What do you think brought him to this decisive obedience? What can you do this week to follow through on your commitment?