

1. God demands total obedience
2. Disobedience disqualifies us from service
3. Before we can be effective we must be submissive

B. A serious commitment

- God requires servants that are committed to His plan
- Circumcision was a serious commitment
 - It involved sacrifice
 - It involved the shedding of blood
- Spiritual negligence has a way of negating our usefulness
- To be used by God, you must be willing to be exposed by God
- No one knew about this except Moses, Zipporah and God

III. When obedience leads to disappointment

A. Not what Moses expected

1. The Good – 4:29-31
 - They tell the people the good news
 - They do the signs God had given them
 - The people believe and worship!
2. The Bad – 5:1-5
 - They go to Pharaoh
 - They tell him the bad news
 - He rejects their request
3. The Ugly – 5:6-14
 - No more straw
 - No less bricks
 - No sympathy

B. Not what the people wanted – 5:15-19

- They saw their circumstances as unfair
- They viewed their treatment as unjust
- They couldn't understand why the authorities were unsympathetic
- They underestimated God's involvement
 - They blamed it all on Moses and Aaron

IV. Our response to negative circumstances – 5:22-23

A. We tend to become disappointed

B. We tend to become disillusioned – Vs 22

- We lose our perspective of God
- We begin to cast blame



Mid-Week Bible Study – Living Life in 3D
Week Five: “That You May Know...”

Have you ever doubted God? Have you ever questioned His way of doing things in your life? Moses did. And that’s exactly where we left him last week. He had just leveled charges against God Almighty. He questioned His promises. He doubted His involvement. He blamed Him for all their problems. Pretty risky stuff if you ask me. But then when I think about it, I tend to do the same thing at times. The remarkable thing is not our audacity at times like that, but God’s response. Instead of wrath, we get mercy. Instead of justice, we get grace. This week, we will see how God responded to Moses. Listen closely to what God has to say, because it still applies to you and me today.

Day One

Read Exodus 6:1-5. After reading these verses, write down some of the things that God had to say to Moses: _____

What do you think God was trying to convey to Moses? _____

What are some of His characteristics that God is trying to remind Moses of? _____

Day Two

Read Exodus 6:6-8. As you read these verses, circle all the times God uses the phrase, “I will.” How many times does He use it? _____

Complete the following phrases from the verse:

I will _____

What do these statements say to you about God? _____

Day Three

Read Exodus 6:9. What kind of response does Moses get when he shares the words of God with the Israelites? _____

How does this compare with their response in Exodus 4:31? _____

Read Exodus 6:10-13. What kind of impact did the unbelief of the people have on Moses? _____

What old excuse did Moses resurrect? _____

What impact do your circumstances have on your trust of God and His Word? _____

Day Four

Read Exodus 6:28-7:5. Does it appear that Moses trusts God at this point? Explain your answer. _____

What do you think God means by His statement to Moses, "I have made you like God to Pharaoh"? _____

What does God promise will happen that could have made it difficult for Moses to follow through with God's command? _____

How would you react to God's instructions if you *knew* how difficult it would be? _____

Day Five

Read Exodus 7:4-6. What does God say He is going to do...
... for His people? _____

... to the Egyptians? _____

What will the Egyptians "know" as a result of all that God does? _____

What do you think this means? _____

What do God's promises mean to you? _____