



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 1	Title:	Fear God Not Man
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Summary of Chapter	The book of Exodus is a continuation of the book of Genesis and records how God delivered Israel out of Egyptian slavery to become a chosen nation under God. In chapter 1, the new king of Egypt who did not know about the contributions of Joseph began to force the Israelites into harsh slavery and tried to kill their male infants because he was afraid of the growing number of Israelites.		
Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?		
<i><sup>17</sup> But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king's orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.</i>	<p>The Hebrew midwives were commanded by Pharaoh to kill any male infants as they are delivering them. But these midwives disobeyed Pharaoh because they feared God more than man. God rewarded these midwives by blessing their family life (v 21). Have you been in a position where you are pressured to do the wrong things by people around you, especially by people in authority over you?</p> <p>Some years back when I went overseas to organize a Christian retreat, I was stopped at the customs because I had a laminating machine with me. The customs officer said that I had to pay a tax on it even though it was a used machine for my personal use. He wanted a bribe from me. When I insisted that I was not doing anything wrong, he brought me into the customs office where a higher-ranking officer took over. This officer took out a very thick customs book but failed to show me where I had committed an offence. He threatened that I would be brought to his supervisor if I still refuse to pay the fine. I told him to issue me an official fine. After about 20 minutes of waiting for me to bribe him which I refused, he finally let me go without a fine. I thank God for the deliverance, but it was quite a scary event.</p> <p>Have you been pressured to do something unethical or immoral? Remember fear God and not man because God sees and rewards.</p>		
<b>APPLICATION REFLECTIONS</b>			
Adult:	Are you currently in a situation where you are pressured to compromise on your values or morals? Ask God for wisdom on how to do the right thing.		
Youth:	What are some peer pressure practices around you to do something that you know is not right (e.g. gossip, lying, hating, vulgar language, cheating, etc)? What will you say or do when pressured?		
Child:	Have you ever felt pressured to do something which you know God would not be pleased with? Sometimes the voice of trying to please others sounds louder than God's. What helps you to overcome these pressures?		
<b>PRAYER</b>			
Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, help us to fear You rather than people. Help us to do the right thing when we are pressured to sin against You. You hold justice in Your hands and You reward those who walk uprightly.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.		