



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Exodus 5	Title:	Faith through Trials
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Summary of Chapter:	In this chapter we read that Moses is talking with Pharaoh for the first time after his encounter with the Lord. Moses demanded Pharaoh to “let my people go” but Pharaoh refused and made life harder for the Israelites living in Egypt.		
Key Verses (NLT):	How does it speak to me?		
Exodus 5:23 <i>“Ever since I came to Pharaoh as your spokesman, he has been even more brutal to your people. And you have done nothing to rescue them!”</i>	<p>We know that eventually the Lord delivered the Israelites from the hands of Pharaoh. Yet a question remains. If the Lord is so powerful, why does God allow his people to suffer before delivering them? Our faith in God is tested in difficult times.</p> <p>This specific instance in Exodus 5 shows us even when God gets involved in our lives, life is still not a bed of roses. In the midst of deliverance, sometimes things can get harder, situations can get worse before it gets better. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus.</p> <p>For myself, I have been called to minister to others through my healing ministry, yet I suffer from periodic back issues due to a degenerative backbone. And you know what? Despite my condition, God still uses me through the healing ministry. It baffles me and it certainly humbles me. It comforts me to see the Lord sustaining me all this while. Indeed, His strength is made perfect in my weakness.</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	Are you facing discouraging moments one after another? And the situation seems to get worse? How do you continue to pray and look to Jesus as your ultimate deliverer?		
Youth:	What do you normally do when your prayers are not answered? How do you surrender the stress of studies or relationships to God through prayer?		
Child:	How do you feel when your prayers are not answered the way you want it to be? Why do you think God allowed it to be that way?		
PRAYER:			
Praying Scripture:	Dear Lord, I pray for those among us who are feeling discouraged, weary and heavy-laden. I pray that we will continue to keep our eyes on Jesus. We will not give up praying and reading the Scriptures daily, because the Sovereign Lord shall be our strength. I pray these In Jesus’ name, amen!		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is 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 _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.		