

# East Side Church

Life Notes

## Imagine What God Can Do...to Deliver from Oppression

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Exodus 5-7:13

**Life Observation:** We live in a world of oppression where **power hungry** people create burdens for others by their **insecurity** and **rebellion** against God.

*But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and moreover, I will not let Israel go.".....But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens." –Exodus 5:2 & 4 (ESV)*

**Oppression Reality #1:** When we are oppressed we experience a harsh **emotional**, **relational**, and **spiritual** slavery.

*They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; and they said to them, "The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us. –Exodus 5:20-21 (ESV)*

**Oppression Reality #2:** When we are oppressed we develop a broken **spirit** and a deep **hopelessness** that makes us want to **give up** on life.

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*Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery. So the Lord said to Moses, "Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land." But Moses said to the Lord, "Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me.*

*How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?" –Exodus 6:9-12 (ESV)*

**Burden Breaker:** God breaks our burdens by **creating space** for **hope** in our hearts so that our **lives** are **changed** by the **presence** of God.

*You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them. –Exodus 7:2-6 (ESV)*

**Deliverance Promise:** The world is impacted when people recognize the **power** of **God** to **deliver** them from their oppression **permanently**.

*So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. –Exodus 7:10-13 (ESV)*