



Round 2

Exodus 6:10 – 7:13
#6 in a series on Exodus
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Highlights From Round 2:

1. God demonstrates His sovereign plan and control in the flow of history. (6:14-27)
2. You can't coast on yesterday's faith. (6:12-13, 28-30; cf. Romans 1:17)
3. Not responding to the light God gives you has disastrous results. (7:3, 13, 14; cf. 4:21; 7:22; 8:15, 19, 32, 34; 10:1; Ephesians 4:17-19; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; Hebrews 3:7-8, 13, 15; 4:7)
4. No power is a match for God's power. (7:1-5, 8-11; cf. 7:14-24; 8:1-15, 16-19)
5. Success is doing what God tells you to do. (7:6)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Yesterday we looked at *Round 2* in the confrontation between Moses and the Pharaoh, between God's representative and Satan's forces, over letting the Israelites go from Egypt. The genealogy in 6:14-27 demonstrates through the flow of history that God is sovereign in bringing about His plans and purposes. Check any notes you made yesterday that point to some of the specific people God included in this.

It is helpful to look at the flow of history for Israel, the church age, and our own families, friends and others to see the evidence of God's sovereignty. Review the *flow of history* in your life over the last week or two. What people and events do you see as part of God's working His purposes and plans for you? Then also do that for your own *family tree* and circle of friends.

Tuesday. In chapter 6 we saw that Moses could not coast on yesterday's faith, and neither can we. In chapter 5 Moses and Aaron stepped out in faith and presented God's word to the Pharaoh that he was to let the Israelites Go. When the Pharaoh rebuffed him and intensified the oppression, Moses was deeply troubled. Then God sent him again (6:10-11). Moses questioned his abilities (again) to do this (6:12-13, 28-30).

Each day and moment, every assignment and situation requires taking a new step of faith. Are you stepping forward in faith into the tasks, challenges, events and opportunities today?

Wednesday. The Pharaoh shows us that not responding to the light God gives has disastrous results. His heart was stubborn (7:14), he hardened his heart to God (8:15, 32; 9:34) and God hardened his heart (9:12; 10:1). There are some theological questions here, but note the main point that it is never wise to reject or even postpone accepting and living in light of the truth God reveals to us. Determine to respond positively and immediately to all the truth God shows you — truth of understanding Him; truth about what you are and are not; truth about what you are to be and are not to be; truth about what you are to do and not to do.

Thursday. The encounter of Moses and Aaron with Pharaoh and the court magicians in chapter 7:8-13 demonstrates once again that no power is a match for God's power. It is one thing to accept this in a general or abstract sense, but can be quite another in specific terms. Living in light of this truth is not "Smile, be happy," but having a quiet confidence and firm hope that nothing can thwart let alone defeat God and His purposes. Does this describe you today?

Friday/Saturday. The last highlight from *Round 2* we noted on Sunday was that success is doing what God tells us to do (see 7:6). If you have been doing what God has told you to do this week, you have been successful, regardless of how events have turned out or how you have felt.

On Sunday we move on to *Round 3*, 7:14 – 11:10; 12:29-36. Read through this in preparation for our time together.

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