



The Problem with Following God's Plan

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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Key Insights ...

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 - a. That God's Plan doesn't always go as he (we) _____ for it to go.
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God's Plan doesn't always go as we plan – Ex. 5:1-6:1

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Pharaoh _____ Up ... the LORD was a Threat to his Position

Pharaoh _____ Down ... the Command was a Threat to his Progress
- II. _____ from the Hebrews ... (vs. 5:15-21)

They _____ to Pharaoh ... Pharaoh was the one who could solve their Problems

They _____ Moses ... Their problems were caused by Moses and Aaron
- III. _____ from Moses ... (vs. 5:22-6:1)

Moses _____ to God ... in Concern and Protest

Moses _____ for God to Respond

My Takeaway ...

1. Just because things _____, it doesn't mean that God has stepped away or is not interested or that you have missed His Plan.
2. God is big enough to handle your _____ ... and your _____.

1. What kinds of difficulties or setbacks have you faced in serving the Lord? How did you deal with them? What did you learn?

Have you faced more opposition from without or from within the family of God as you have served the Lord? Which was more difficult? Why?
2. Isaiah 40 is one of the best chapters in the Bible for gaining a perspective on who God is because the passage compares him and his power to things we can understand. Take some time to read through Isaiah 40:1-31, and jot down all it says about WHO God is and HOW BIG and powerful he is.

How could a greater understanding of God's absolute power help you to trust him and his perfect timing more?
3. We have spoken much about the Sovereignty of God, being that God is in control of all things. How does life cause us to question whether He is in control or not? How have you struggled with this issue, maybe as a result of some personal difficulty or failure?

What has been your source of strength to carry on? How has God used your struggles to teach you that He is in control?
4. Read back through Moses' address to God in Exodus 5:22-23. As you read that passage, did Moses ask questions or did he complain? How did his willingness to wait and hear what God had to say (Exodus 6:1ff) determine your response to that question?

Is it wrong to question God? Is it sinful to complain to him about our situation or circumstances? When do we cross the line from an honest complaint to sinful defiance?

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

Father, may we be tenaciously protective of our time with You and Your word. May we delight in Your word and meditate on it day and night. We become what we choose! Our ministries are as vital, impactful, and sustainable as our confidence in You / Your word AND our obedience to Your voice.

Joshua 1:8 *This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and you will have good success.*

Psalms 1:2-3 *But his delight is in the law of the Lord. And in His law, he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season and whose leaf will not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*



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- I. Push Back from Pharaoh ... (5:1-14)
Pharaoh Bulked Up ... the LORD was a Threat to his Position
Pharaoh Doubled Down ... the Command was a Threat to his Progress
II. Doubt from the Hebrews ... (vs. 5:15-21)
They Cried Out to Pharaoh ... Pharaoh was the one who could solve their Problems
They Critiqued Moses ... Their problems were caused by Moses and Aaron
III. Faith from Moses ... (vs. 5:22-6:1)
Moses Cried Out to God ... in Concern and Protest
Moses Waited for God to Respond

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