

## Exodus 5 – Freedom Unto Worship

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### **Romans 6:14 (NIV)**

**14** For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

### **Romans 7:1 (NIV)**

**1** Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives?

### **Galatians 4:1-9 (NIV)**

**1** What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate.

**2** The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

**3** So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world.

**4** But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

**5** to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

**6** Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”

**7** So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

**8** Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods.

**9** But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?

God’s objective for his people is freedom unto worship.

Ultimately a transformation in our thinking:

- from Slave thinking to Son thinking

- from Fear thinking to Freedom thinking

### **Exodus 4:22-23, 29-31**

**22** Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son,

**23** and I told you, “Let my son go, so he may worship me.” But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.”

**29** Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites,

**30** and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people,

**31** and they believed. And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

### **Exodus 5 (NIV)**

**1** Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.’”

**2** Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go.”

**3** Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword.”

**4** But the king of Egypt said, “Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!”

**5** Then Pharaoh said, “Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working.”

**6** That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people:

**7** “You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw.

**8** But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don’t reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’

**9** Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.”

**10** Then the slave drivers and the overseers went out and said to the people, “This is what Pharaoh says: ‘I will not give you any more straw.

**11** Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.’”

**12** So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw.

**13** The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, “Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw.”

**14** And Pharaoh’s slave drivers beat the Israelite overseers they had appointed, demanding, “Why haven’t you met your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?”

**15** Then the Israelite overseers went and appealed to Pharaoh: “Why have you treated your servants this way?

**16** Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, ‘Make bricks!’ Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people.”

**17** Pharaoh said, “Lazy, that’s what you are—lazy! That is why you keep saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’

**18** Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks.”

**19** The Israelite overseers realized they were in trouble when they were told, “You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.”

**20** When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them,  
**21** and they said, “May the Lord look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”  
**22** Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me?”  
**23** Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”

- \* The Law - keeps us working as slaves
- \* Grace - keeps us worshiping as sons

Slave thinking:

- \* My master - What's his mood today?
- \* My mistakes - I'll be punished. I hope I don't get caught.
- \* My money - I've got to earn it today. I hope there's enough for tomorrow.
- \* My motivation - What do I have to do today? When can I get off the clock?
- \* My self - Replaceable. Small. Unseen. Unworthy.
- \* My brothers - Competitors. Rivals. When they fail I succeed and vice versa.

Son thinking:

- \* My master - I can't wait to see my father! So happy he's in the house with me!
- \* My mistakes - He is for me and unendingly patient. I hope I don't hurt his heart.
- \* My money - Dad's money is at my disposal. I only need to ask. Enormous supply for tomorrow.
- \* My motivation - What are we doing today, father? Exciting adventures await!
- \* My self - Heir to the estate because of my bloodline. Influential. Steward!
- \* My brothers - Partners. Co-heirs. When they succeed I succeed and vice versa.

### **Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)**

**8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Characters for Exodus 5 play:

- Israelites = God's children, the church
- Pharaoh = the Law
- Taskmasters & Overseers = Sin
- Moses = Deliverer (Jesus)
- Aaron = Deliverer (Holy Spirit)