

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range. In the foreground, a person with a backpack stands on a large, rounded rock formation. The background consists of rolling hills and valleys covered in dense evergreen forests. The lighting is soft and golden, suggesting early morning or late afternoon. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

*Celebrating Faith*  
Even in testing

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range. In the foreground, a person stands on a large, rounded rock peak, looking out over the valley. The middle ground is filled with dense, green forest covering the slopes of the mountains. The background shows more distant, hazy mountain peaks under a soft, golden light, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

# Exodus 5: The request and Pharaoh's retaliation

Collision precedes impact (Warfare)

## Exodus 5:1-5 (The initial request)

<sup>1</sup> And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.’”

<sup>2</sup> But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and besides, I will not let Israel go.”

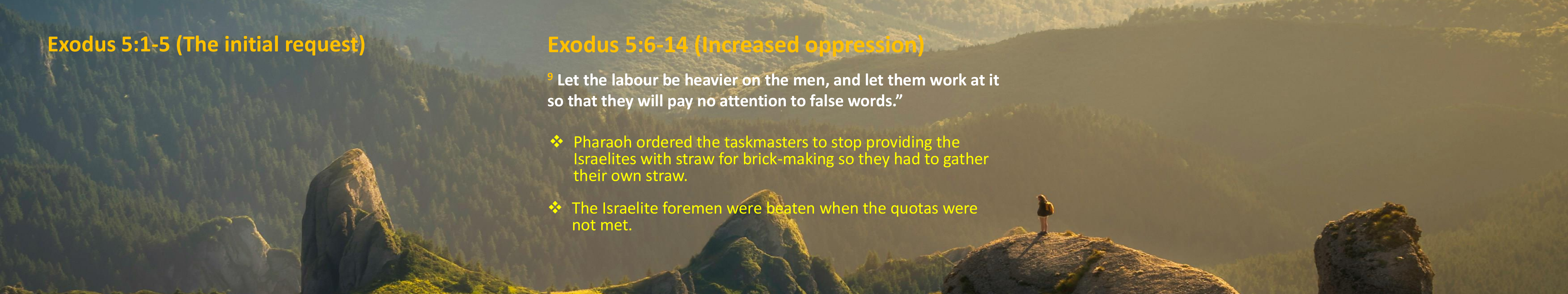
- ❖ Pharaoh considered himself a god and dismissed the request
- ❖ Who are we in the story? (Moses, Aaron, Pharaoh, or the sons of Israel?)

## Exodus 5:1-5 (The initial request)

## Exodus 5:6-14 (Increased oppression)

<sup>9</sup> Let the labour be heavier on the men, and let them work at it so that they will pay no attention to false words.”

- ❖ Pharaoh ordered the taskmasters to stop providing the Israelites with straw for brick-making so they had to gather their own straw.
- ❖ The Israelite foremen were beaten when the quotas were not met.



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**Exodus 5:6-14 (Increased oppression)**

**Exodus 5:15-21 (Israelite officers complain)**

<sup>20</sup> When they left Pharaoh's presence, they met Moses and Aaron as they were waiting for them. <sup>21</sup> They said to them, "May the LORD look upon you and judge you, for you have made us odious in Pharaoh's sight and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

- ❖ The Israelite foremen blamed Moses and Aaron for their increased suffering.





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**Exodus 5:15-21 (Israelite officers complain)**

**Exodus 5:22-23 (Moses complains to God)**

<sup>22</sup> Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, “O LORD, why have You brought harm to this people? Why did You ever send me? <sup>23</sup> Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done harm to this people, and You have not delivered Your people at all.”

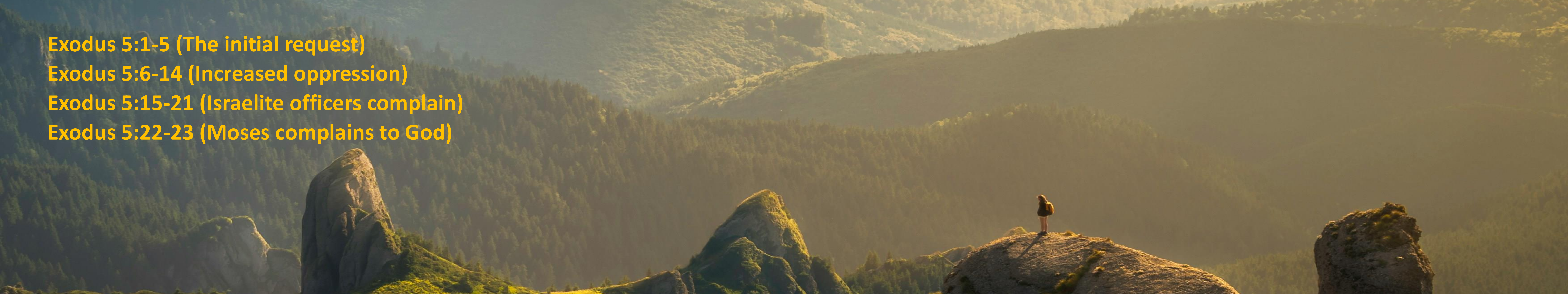
- ❖ Have you ever questioned God, thinking you were doing His will, only to feel it backfired?

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## Exodus 6: God's covenant renewed

Covenant affirms impact (Word)

## Exodus 6 :1-8 (God's powerful reassurance)

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land." <sup>2</sup> God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD; <sup>3</sup> and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them. <sup>4</sup> I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they sojourned... <sup>6</sup> Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their **bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.**

↳ God reassured Moses that He will act with a "strong hand" or outstretched arm.

↳ He reminded Moses of His identity as Yahweh, the covenant-keeping God who promised Canaan to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

## Exodus 3 :13-15 (God's name)

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘**What is His name? What shall I say to them?**’”

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM**”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup> God, furthermore, said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘**The LORD**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ **This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.**

- ❖ Lord: My Name forever
- ❖ I AM: Jesus is the “I AM” (Gospel of John)

## Exodus 6:1-8 (God's powerful reassurance)

## Exodus 6 :9 (Israel's unbelief)

<sup>9</sup> So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage.

- ❖ They were too disheartened and weary from their “cruel bondage” to listen.

Exodus 6:1-8 (God's powerful reassurance)

Exodus 6:9 (Israel's unbelief)

Exodus 6 :10-27 (Moses and Aaron's  
genealogy)

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>11</sup> "Go, tell Pharaoh king  
of Egypt to let the sons of Israel go out of his land." ...

↳ Moses expressed self-doubt, citing his "uncircumcised lips"  
(faltering speech)

↳ A selective genealogy (v14-27) was then provided for Moses  
and Aaron to establish their lineage and authority as leaders.

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Exodus 6:10-27 (Moses and Aaron's genealogy)

Exodus 6 :28-30 (The divine command reaffirmed)

<sup>28</sup> Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, <sup>29</sup> that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the LORD; speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you." <sup>30</sup> But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"

- ❖ God repeated His charge to Moses and Aaron to go before Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt.



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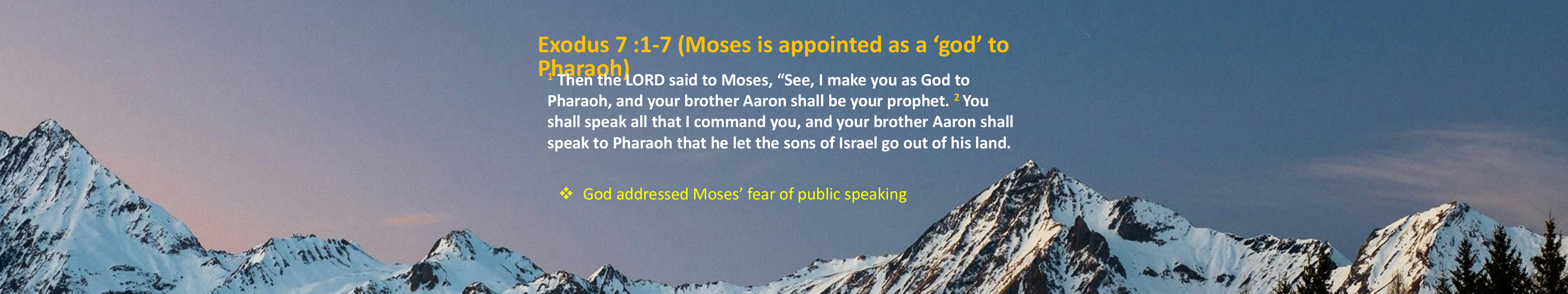
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## Exodus 7: The showdown begins

Christ empowers impact (Spirit)

A wide landscape of snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. The mountains are rugged and covered in white snow, with some rocky outcrops visible. The sky is a deep, clear blue, suggesting a bright day. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

## Exodus 7 :1-7 (Moses is appointed as a ‘god’ to Pharaoh)

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. <sup>2</sup> You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

❖ God addressed Moses’ fear of public speaking

## Exodus 7:1-7 (Moses is appointed as a 'god' to Pharaoh)

## Exodus 7:8-13 (The staff becomes a serpent)

<sup>8</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

<sup>9</sup> “When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Work a miracle,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.’”

- ❖ Pharaoh’s magicians imitated the miracle using their secret arts, but Aaron’s staff swallowed their sticks.
- ❖ Despite this display of power, Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, just as God had said.
- ❖ God was still in charge even in an unfavourable situation.

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What can we learn?



# CELEBRATING FAITH

*Persevering in faith*

*Pausing in faith*

*Power of faith*

*Person of our faith*

# What can we learn?

## 1. Obedience does not guarantee immediate deliverance

*(Persevering in faith)*

Exodus 5:2

But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and besides, **I will not let Israel go.**”

It took God’s release of 10 plagues before the Israelites saw deliverance.

Sometimes God deals with our inner lives in the waiting.

# What can we learn?

## 1. Obedience does not guarantee immediate deliverance

*(Persevering in faith)*

Heb 6:12

so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience *(perseverance)* inherit the promises.

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## What can we learn?

### 2. God is with us as He fulfils His will in us.

*(Pausing in faith)*

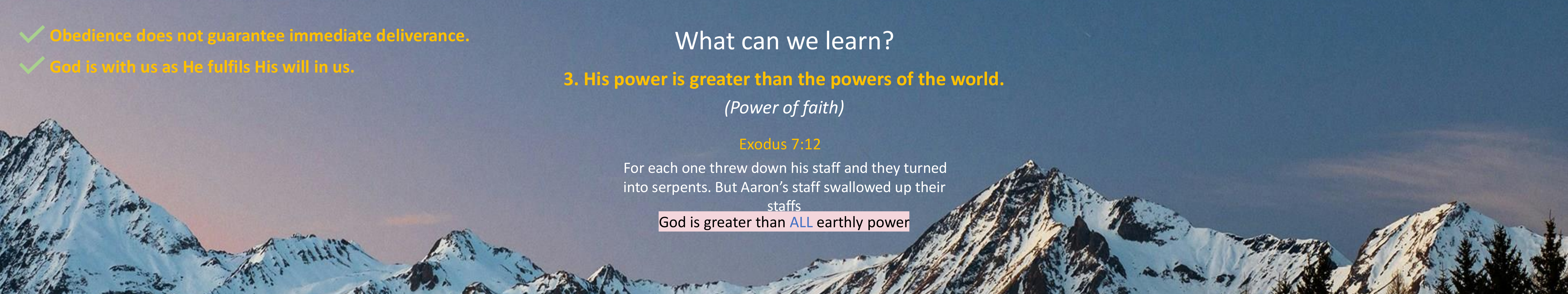
Exodus 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Then the **LORD said to Moses.....**<sup>2</sup> **God spoke further to Moses...**

Ps 46:10

<sup>1</sup> “Cease striving and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

God will not leave nor forsake us even though we can't see Him.



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## What can we learn?

### 3. His power is greater than the powers of the world.

*(Power of faith)*

Exodus 7:12

For each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their  
staves

God is greater than ALL earthly power

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## What can we learn?

### 4. Who is the LORD? Why not Lord?

*(Person of our faith)*

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✓ Who is the LORD? Why not Lord?



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Who are **you** in this story?

# Who are you in this story?

**Moses**

Unwilling and struggling believer?

**Aaron**

Gifted believer who is called to help?

**Son of Israel**

Can only see the physical world?

**Pharaoh**

Do not know God?

# Who are you in this story?

(Persevere in faith)

**Moses**

Unwilling believer?  
God will help you.  
Press on in doing his will.

**Aaron**

Gifted believer who is called to help?

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# Who are you in this story?

(Persevere in faith)

**Moses**

God will help you.  
Press on in doing his will.

(Pause in faith)

**Aaron**

Avail yourselves to help your leader?  
Don't defile the worship of God.

**Son of Israel**

Can only see the physical world?

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Do not know God?

# Who are you in this story?

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## Son of Israel

Can only see the physical world?

### 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, we **do not lose heart**, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day... <sup>18</sup> while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are **not seen**; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are **eternal**.

### Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the **heavenly places**.

# Who are you in this story?

(Persevere in faith)

**Moses**

God will help you.  
Press on in doing his will.

(Pause in faith)

**Aaron**

Avail yourselves to help your leader.  
Don't defile the worship of God.

(Power of faith)

**Son of Israel**

Start to see the spiritual world?  
Spiritual world is reality.  
Don't miss the deliverance of God

**Pharaoh**

Do not know God?

# Who are you in this story?

(Persevere in faith)

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(Pause in faith)

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(Power of faith)

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(Person of our faith)

**Pharaoh**

It's time to believe in God.  
We have to see the spiritual  
world > physical world.



# CELEBRATING FAITH

*Persevering in faith*

*Pausing in faith*

*Power of faith*

*Person of our faith*



*Closing Testimony*



*Who are **you** in this  
story?*