

Intro:

Main Point of Text: After Moses and Aaron obey God, the faith of them and their people is tested by Pharaoh.

Sermon Point: *Before your obedience is rewarded, your faith will be tested.*

Move 1: Obeying God means facing your fears again and again.

Vs. 4. Moses tried to get out of facing Pharaoh. After facing vss. 1-3, he tries again.

Move 2: Satan will keep testing your faith with persecution.

Vss. 5-18: Takes away resources, requires same production. “many people”: Pharaoh won't lose service, so increases their torment to cause them to ignore God's words / worship. Gives an impossible task and beats/derides them for failing. Unfairly calls them idle. Puts pressure on people to give up on God.

Move 3: Your own people will push against your faithfulness.

Vss. 14-21. People pressured to stop *Moses*. Elders/People had agreed, believed, worshipped in private (4:29, 31). Now faith is tested in public.

Move 4: You have to trust you are doing it right because God says so.

Vs. 23. Moses seeks God. Needs to remember 3:19-20; 4:21-23, 29-30. God told them this would happen. They bought into it. Now having buyers remorse due to short-term memory/poor vision. Christianity is cross before the crown: Acts 14:23; John 16:33. But there is a crown after the cross.

Move 5: God increases your faith by proving Himself faithful through your testing.

6:1 and all mighty deeds: major reference of redemptive history. God proves Himself to Pharaoh, world, and *them*. He is only God. He is THEIR God. Repeated phrase coming: “Then you will know that I am the LORD.” Experientially. Facing devastating odds will show you how big is your God.

Conclusion:

Galatians 6:9.

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