



The Exodus – The Power Of God

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Ice Breaker

What's the most stubborn you've ever been about something, and how did it turn out?

Key Verses

- Exodus 8:19
- Exodus 8:22-23
- Exodus 9:16
- Romans 9:16-18

Questions

- Why do you think Pharaoh kept hardening his heart even after seeing God's clear demonstrations of power?
- How does God show both His judgment and His mercy throughout these plagues?
- What does it mean that God 'hardened Pharaoh's heart' and how does this relate to human free will?
- Pastor Luke shared about his own cycles of repentance and returning to sin. Can you relate to this pattern in your own life?
- A big purpose of these plagues is so that in God's display of power people would, "know that I am the LORD". How do you see this purpose reflected in these plagues?
- What are some ways we might negotiate with God or offer partial obedience like Pharaoh did?
- How does recognizing God's sovereignty help us deal with worry and anxiety about current world events?

Life Application

This week, identify one area of your life where you've been trying to maintain control instead of letting God be in control. Spend time in prayer each day asking God to help you surrender this area to Him, and take one practical step to demonstrate that surrender.

Key Takeaways

- God demonstrates His power and mercy to bring people to repentance, and thus, close relationship with Him
- Hardening our hearts leads to cycles of partial obedience and continued rebellion against God
- God's desire is that in all circumstances people would know He is the Almighty, All-powerful LORD
- We often try to negotiate with God or maintain control instead of fully surrendering to Him

Ending Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your patience with us, just as You were patient with Pharaoh. Help us not to harden our hearts but to remain soft and responsive to Your voice. We confess the areas where we've tried to maintain control instead of acknowledging You as LORD. Give us the courage to surrender fully to You, knowing that Your plans for us are good. Help us to trust in Your sovereignty, especially when we're worried about circumstances beyond our control. May our lives proclaim Your power and Your name to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.