People of Faith: Moses

Moses and the Israelites

Exodus 5-6

Moses fears his inability and the response of the Israelites.
 3:11-4:17

- •Who am <u>I</u>?" •
- "Suppose the Israelites say..?"
 "What if they don't believe me?"

3:19

•"**I've** never been eloquent."

What was he afraid of?

- His inability
- •The Israelites
- The Israelites
- His inability

2. Responses.

4:29-31

A. God: "You deliver the message."

•The Israelites: "They will listen to you." 3:16

B. The Israelites.

- "They believed and bowed down and worshiped."
- •Foremen appeal to Pharaoh directly and are told they are LAZY and not to listen to lies.
- •To Moses: "May God see and judge you!"

Pharaoh: "The king of Egypt will not let you



- "Why are you keeping them from working? Make them get their own straw. They are LAZY!"
- •Taskmasters increase work and beat the Israelite foremen.



"God! Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble and you have not rescued your people at all!"

4. Responses.

A. God: "I will deliver the people." 6,1-8

•To the Israelites: "I will set you free."

--

B. The Israelites.

"They did not listen to him."

Moses had to stop looking at his own inability and the approval of the Israelites in order to continue doing his God-given job.

•Pharaoh: "I will harden Pharaoh's heart."

<u>C. Pharaoh.</u>

"If the Israelites don't listen to me, why should Pharaoh since I speak with faltering lips?"

6:10-11

5. Moses continues with his God-given task. 7:6-7

6:9

Meditate on this verse: "Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10

For next week—Read Exodus 33:7-34:9, Num. 12:1-8, 14:1-19, 16:1-24, 17:1-12

The success of my God-given job is measured by my steadfast obedience, Not by the response or result.