

Exodus 5

God promises deliverance, but circumstances go from bad to worse!

Why did the Hebrew people get angry with Moses and Aaron?

Was their anger justified?

Why would God promise to deliver His people and then allow circumstances to become worse?

Exodus 5 is not the only place this has happened – Joseph, David, Jesus, the Apostles also experienced things getting worse while following God’s plans.

In your walk with the Lord, have you experienced a time where you were following what you thought God wanted you to do and circumstances became worse?

How did you feel? How did you handle the situation?

Do we have an expectation in the church that “If God is leading, then things will go well, the path will be straight, doors will open...”?

How would the Hebrew people have responded to the advice “When God closes a door, He opens a window”?

What expectations of God do we have that might need to be adjusted in light of Exodus 5?

Is my faith in God deeper than my circumstances?

How does Hebrews 11:13-16 explain the expectations of many Old Testament saints?

How did David handle his expectations, frustrations, and confusion over his circumstances? (Read, for example, Psalm 31, 35, 64, 70, 71.)

What can we learn from these Old Testament saints?