

GOD'S POWER

Exodus 7

A reluctant Moses is about to begin face his biggest challenge so far. The Israelites have been slaves in Egypt for generations and now God has told Moses that he will free his people. But Moses has to face up to one of the most powerful leaders in the ancient world – Pharaoh.

Has God ever asked you to do something beyond your natural abilities?

When you did 'Mission Impossible' what helped you most - God's strength, other's input or your own initiative?

Read Exodus 7.

7:1-6.

Moses doesn't face Pharaoh alone. God assures him of his help and also enlists the help of Aaron, Moses' older brother, to accompany him and speak on his behalf.

Can you identify people who have helped, encouraged or supported you in difficult and testing times?

In what ways did their support help?

Is there someone you know who needs encouragement?

What will you do about it?

7:8-13

Pharaoh demands a miracle.

Why would he do that?

What surprises you about the magicians' power?

What do you think is the meaning of Aaron's snake swallowing theirs?

7:14-24

The Egyptians worshipped many gods and idols. The River Nile was also worshipped as a god. Timothy Keller in his book 'Counterfeit Gods' identifies 3 main idols we might worship today; love, money and power.

Can you think of any others?

What makes them so important to us?

Several times in Chapter 7 we read that Pharaoh's heart was hardened towards Moses' request to let God's people go.

Do you think God caused Pharaoh to harden his heart or that God's actions resulted in Pharaoh hardening his heart? Is there a difference?

How can we stop our hearts from becoming hardened?

Prayer time:

Thank God for his love and power that have delivered you in the past from difficult situations or helped you in difficult situations. Write on a piece of paper a difficult situation you are experiencing. Put the card in a place where you will find it in a week or so to see how God is helping you or has helped you through that difficult time.