

**May 18, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**  
**“A Rocky Start Leads to Blaming God” -- Exodus 5:1-23**

**Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-12) to Answer from the Text:**

1. What did Moses and Aaron command Pharaoh to do (v. 1)?
2. What was Pharaoh's reply when Moses and Aaron commanded him to let the Israelites go (v. 2)?
3. What did Pharaoh do in response to Moses and Aaron's request from the LORD (vv. 6-9)?
4. Where did the Israelites go to find the material to make the bricks they were required to make (v. 12)?
5. What happened to the Israelite foremen when not enough bricks were made (v. 14)?
6. What did the foremen do when this happened to them (vv. 15-16)?
7. When the foremen complained to Pharaoh, of what did he accuse them (v. 17)?
8. Whom did the Israelite foremen blame when Pharaoh refused to give them any help (vv. 20-22)?
9. What two questions did Moses ask God after the Israelite foremen complained to him (v. 22)?
10. What two reasons did Moses give for his questions to God (v. 23)?

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

11. When was the last time you had something in your life go really badly? How did you respond? What did you do to cope? What mistakes do you think you might have made? What things did you do right?
12. With the great hope and all the wonderful promises that the believer in Christ has, why do Christians still become anxious and fearful when difficult periods enter their lives?
13. What are some psalms that come to mind that express feelings and emotions when facing hard times?
14. Did Jesus experience adversity? If so, how? When?
15. Have you ever known a professing Christian to leave the faith during or after experiencing severe adversity? What would you say to such a person to encourage him or her to not give up?
16. How do you know that God has a purpose in the sufferings and difficulties you experience?
17. Think of a person in Scripture who went through serious challenges. What happened? How did he or she respond? What was God's purpose in the situation?
18. If God told you exactly what the purpose for going through extremely hard times was, how do you think you would handle things?
19. How do you know that you know the LORD?
20. Is it okay to question God?