

# “Doing the Opposite”

**Study:** Exodus 1:1-22

**Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-13

**Memory:** Proverbs 3:16

## Exodus



A Daily Devotional Study Guide

Week 1

### What Does the Bible Say?

The book of Exodus starts with recapping the end of the book of Genesis and setting the stage for the next major events that God had planned for the children of Israel. When Jacob first moved down to Egypt, his descendants numbered 70, but that number quickly grew. God blessed them and they began to multiply and grew in numbers and wealth, filling the land of Goshen and other areas of Egypt (vs 1-7).

As time continued, the memory of what Joseph did for Egypt began to fade and there came a point where the Pharaoh no longer honored the memory of Joseph, but saw the children of Israel as a threat to their kingdom. Though the Israelites had been the catalyst for some of the great prosperity of Egypt, the Egyptians feared that they would turn against them if an enemy attacked. To help keep the Israelites subdued, they decided to take away many of the rights of the Israelites. They began to force the people of Israel to become slaves. The Egyptians made them manual laborers, using them to build the storage cities of Pithom and Raamses. (Archeologist have not located these exact cities, though some possibilities do exist.) Though they afflicted the Israelites to decrease the population, the opposite actually happened and the Israelite people began to multiply at a faster rate than before. This resulted in Israelites being forced to work harder because the Egyptians feared them even more. The harder the Israelites worked, the more the Israelite population grew. The actions of the Egyptians went from light oppression to forcing the Israelites to work in very hard labor, specifically in the making of bricks and the building of buildings (vs 8-14).

The Pharaoh also decided to try another approach and called two of the Hebrew midwives to meet with him. The fact that their names were mentioned seems to indicate that honor should be given to the women for their actions. This was because the king told the women to kill all the male babies born to the Israelites, but these women would not obey the king (Pharaoh). When it was found out that the women were not

following the command of Pharaoh he called them in and questioned them. They told him that the Israelite women would give birth before they arrived because the Israelite women were stronger than the Egyptian women, choosing to have their babies without help. These midwives were blessed by God for their choice and were given children of their own (vs 15-21).

Since the Hebrews would not kill their own children, Pharaoh commanded the Egyptians to kill all male children that were born to Hebrew mothers. The daughters were allowed to live in hopes that the Egyptians would be able to marry the daughters and intermix the two nations together (vs 22).

## **How Does this Apply to Me?**

Do you realize that human power and human forces can not prevent the working of God? The more that the Egyptians tried to oppress the Israelites, the more they grew. We are not told, but most likely the Egyptians used this method on other groups in the past with great success. Yet, the situation with the children of Israel was different. It wasn't an earthly difference, but a spiritual difference. God was on the side of Israel and was blessing them in a great and abundant way. He was causing them to grow and multiply, fulfilling the promises that he had given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This should encourage you to choose to trust in God through difficult circumstances. Though God does use earthly methods to accomplish His plan, He also has the ability to bless differently than the way the natural world works. Don't get discouraged when things become harder for you, especially if they are harder when you do what is right. Remember that God is on the throne and is constantly at work on your behalf.

## **Suggestions for Prayer**

- \* *Thank God for blessing you through difficulties.*
- \* *Ask God to trust him when earthly conditions don't make sense.*
- \* *Praise God because He has ultimate power over the world.*

## **Thought for the day**

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What do verses 1-4 recount?

How many descendants of Jacob came down to Egypt to live with Joseph (vs 70)?

Why do you think we are told how many descendants the Israelites started with?

What happened to Joseph and his brothers (vs 6)?

What did God do for the descendants of Israel even after the death of the original children of Jacob (vs 7)?

Why do you think it is emphasized that God did this?

What does this reveal about the power of God?

What does verse 8 declare about the new leader of Egypt?

What was this new leader afraid of (vs 9)?

What did he decide to do about this potential problem (vs 10-11)?

How did God choose to work (vs 12)?

How did the blessings of God lead to a harder life for Israel (vs 13-14)?

How else did the king of Egypt attempt to control the population of the Israelites (vs 15-16)?

What does verse 17 say about the character of the midwives?

What did the midwives say was happening (vs 18-19)?

How were the Israelites being blessed by God (vs 20)?

How were the midwives blessed by God (vs 21)?

What command did Pharaoh give to counter this (vs 22)?

# “Still Usable”

**Study:** Exodus 2:1-12

**Reading:** Proverbs 1:1-33

**Memory:** Proverbs 3:16

**T**here are things that I would love to go back in my life and change because I regret that I did them. Many of these things happened in the foolishness of my youth and out of selfish and completely misguided intentions. Some of these foolish acts even occurred when I was a young pastor just starting out in ministry. As much as I would love to rewrite history, I can't. Yet, at that same time, I cannot live defeated by the regrets of the past. As I look back, I realize that God used those mistakes to humble me and allow me to be a more effective minister for Him.

Today, we are going to see how Moses made a terrible mistake and became a murderer, yet we will be reminded how God chooses to forgive sin and transform us into His image so that we can be used by Him.

## What Does the Bible Say?

It must have been a scary time for the Israelite couples who were having children. One such couple was from the tribe of Levi. The wife gave birth to a healthy boy who they loved deeply. At first they attempted to hide him for three months to avoid the chance of him being killed. After the three months, his mother knew she needed to do something to help spare the life of her child. We are not told why she made a basket to put the baby in, but it appears that she knew that the daughter of the Pharaoh went down to the river and perhaps what she was hoping would happen actually happened. She wasn't just giving him up to be killed or eaten by crocodiles because she sent Miriam, the sister of Moses, to keep an eye on the basket to see what was going to happen. Again, no one knows for sure if it was the mother's plan for the daughter of the Pharaoh to find the baby, but she did find the baby and had compassion on him, causing her to want to keep him. Miriam went to her and told her that she could find one of the Hebrew women to nurse and take care of the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agreed and the mother of the baby became the official caretaker of the baby. The baby would be

protected from harm because he was now a part of Pharaoh's family. Once the child was older, probably 3-5 years old, he was taken to Pharaoh's daughter and was given to her as her own child. She named him Moses and he grew up with the privileges that a child in the household of Pharaoh would have received (vs 1-10).

We are not told of anything else that happened when Moses was growing up. It doesn't say here, but later we find that Moses lived in that environment until he was 40 years old. Moses had a clear understanding that he was an Israelite, and one day he decided to go out and see what was happening to the children of Israel. While on this journey, he was disgusted with what he saw and was horrified with the way the Egyptians were treating the Israelites. There was a particular instance which caused him to burn with anger as he saw one of the Egyptians beating one of the Israelites. He looked around and, when he didn't think anyone was looking, he killed the Egyptian, then buried him in the sand (vs 11-12).

## How Does this Apply to Me?

One of the lessons that can be learned from this passage is the importance of not acting out in anger. When we do so, though we may think no one is looking, it can cause great harm. This is why the book of Proverbs often tells you to think about the consequences you will face before you choose to act. Yet, as I read through the passage today, something greater stuck out to me. Though you have not read the rest of the story yet, you probably know that Moses became a great leader. He was and still is a revered hero of Israel. He was a murderer who struggled with his anger not only here, but in other situations that you will read about. The amazing thought to me is that God chose to use this person in spite of his sins and failures. This does not mean that sin is okay or that sin is no big deal, but it does reveal to you the great mercy and grace of God. This should give you hope as you may see some of the big mistakes that you have made in the past. It is easy to let the enemy convince you that you can't be fully used by God because you are a sinner and not worthy to be used by Him. Moses, who was one of the great men of faith, was a murderer, yet God used him greatly. Keep in mind that God used this sin and the consequences of the sin to transform Moses into the man He would use to carry out His plan. Moses should not be exalted for his sin, but God should be exalted for His great mercy and grace.

What tribe was Moses from (vs 1)?

Why do you think this is significant?

How was the baby described (vs 2)?

Why do you think he was described this way?

What did the mother of Moses try to do (vs 2)?

What did the mother of Moses finally decide to do (vs 3)?

Why do you think she decided to do this?

What did the sister of Moses do (vs 4)?

What did the daughter of Pharaoh do (vs 5)?

How did she respond when she heard Moses crying (vs 6)?

What did she recognize about Moses (vs 6)?

What did the sister of Moses offer (vs 7)?

What did the daughter of Pharaoh decide to do (vs 8)?

How do you see the hand of God in this experience (vs 8-9)?

What happened when the child was weaned (vs 10)?

Who named Moses (vs 10)? Why?

What did Moses see once he had become a grown man (vs 11)?

How do you think Moses knew he was a Hebrew (vs 11)?

What did Moses do before he struck this Egyptian (vs 12)?

What did Moses do to the man (vs 12)?

## ***“God Knows”***

**Study:** Exodus 2:13-25

**Reading:** Genesis 16:1-16

**Memory:** Proverbs 3:16

**W**hen I was just out of college, I taught a few classes at a small, private school. I was amazed at how many things I saw while I was teaching that I just chose to ignore. The reason I was amazed was because when I was in school I thought I was able to get away with many things because my teacher never saw what was happening. When I became a teacher, I realized that I saw and heard much more than my students ever realized. I did not always choose to correct, but I often knew most of what was going on in the classroom.

Today, we are going to see that sometimes we as people think that God does not see what is happening. This causes some to think they can get away with things and causes others to question if God really cares. From the example of the Israelites and Moses we will be reminded that God knows what is happening.

## **What Does the Bible Say?**

Moses acted on his emotions and killed an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite. Most likely, Moses thought that the only one who would know about his actions was the man who he delivered from the Egyptian, but he found out the next day that news of his action had spread. This became very evident when he tried to break up a fight between two Israelites. They didn't like his interference and asked him who had made him a leader among the Israelites. They then began to mock him and ask Moses if he would kill them like he killed the Egyptian. Once Moses heard this, he knew news had spread and knew that he would be in big trouble once Pharaoh found out. He was right. When Pharaoh heard of this, he became angry with Moses and sought to kill him. Moses ran away and headed towards the land of Midian. The land of Midian was a desert area that was south of Caanan, north of Egypt (vs 13-15).

While wandering in the land of Midian, Moses ran into the daughters of the priest of Midian who were at a well getting water to feed their flocks. The male shepherds were not kind to these girls and tried to drive

them away. Moses stood up for the girls and helped them water their flocks. This allowed them to arrive home much sooner than normal, which surprised Reuel, their father. When he asked them why they were home so early, they told him how Moses had helped them water their flocks. Reuel told the girls to go ask Moses to come and eat with them. Reuel allowed Moses to stay around, and he was satisfied to live among the family. He was given Zipporah, the daughter of Reuel, for his wife. They settled in the land near the rest of the family and soon began to have children. They named their oldest child Gershom. He was given that name because Moses was a stranger in the foreign land of Midian (vs 16-22).

Moses was in Midian for around 40 years. During that time, the Pharaoh died, yet things did not get any easier for the Israelites. Things became more difficult for them, and they cried out to God for deliverance. God heard their cry and had been preparing Moses to deliver the Israelites out of Egypt. God remembered his promise to Abraham and desired to deliver His chosen people out of their bondage (vs 23-25).

## **How Does this Apply to Me?**

Do you realize that God loves you and hears you? The Israelites were calling out to God and must have wondered if God heard them. Moses must have been wondering what God's desire was for his life. No one knew, but God was at work forming a wonderful plan for the lives of His children. The end of verse 25 stated that "God knew" (ESV). That is a powerful statement that should be a great encouragement to you. God knows your suffering. He understands your heartache and is actively working for you though you may not know it. It is easy to gripe and complain about what is happening or not happening, but what you don't know is what God is doing behind the scenes. Trust God and remember that He sees and He knows.

## **Suggestions for Prayer**

\* *Thank God because He is always working in your life.*

\* *Ask God to help you trust Him, knowing that He knows everything.*

## **Thought for the day**

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What had Moses done the day before (vs 11-13)?

What did Moses attempt to do (vs 13)?

Why did the men not appreciate the interference of Moses (vs 14)?

What did the man ask Moses (vs 14)?

What did Moses realize (vs 14)?

Where did Moses flee to (vs 15)?

Who came to a well around the same time that Moses did (vs 16)?

What did Moses do for these women (vs 17)?

How did these women describe Moses (vs 18-19)?

Why do you think they described him this way?

What did Reuel want the girls to do (vs 20)?

What happened from this event (vs 21)?

Why did they name their son "Gershom" (vs 22)?

What happened during the 40 years that Moses was in Midian (vs 23)?

What did the Israelites do because of their suffering (vs 23)?

What did God hear (vs 24)?

What do you think it means that God remembered their suffering (vs 24)?

How does the chapter end (vs 25)?

Why is it so important to realize the God knows what you are going through?

# “A Balanced Perspective”

**Study:** Exodus 3:1-6

**Reading:** Galatians 4:1-6, Psalm 111:1-10

**Memory:** Proverbs 3:16

**W**hen our family walked into a bowling ally near Cincinnati, OH, we saw something we had never seen before... a dress code. Until that bowling ally, every bowling ally I had ever gone to was a place where any type of clothing would do. Yet, the owners of this bowling ally wanted to be purposefully different. They wanted to set an atmosphere that was a little more classy and where the people would show a little more respect for their atmosphere. I personally felt a little awkward because I walked in with a t-shirt, but the dress code called for a collard shirt on men. I am not sure what I think about this bowling ally. I like the fact that it was nice and clean, unlike many other allies that I had bowled in, yet, at the same time, I don't necessarily like dressing up.

Today, we are going to read about the contrast between the holiness of God and the personal calling of God. We will read about the importance of having a balanced view of God.

## What Does the Bible Say?

In chapter 2, we were told that the name of the father-in-law of Moses was Reuel, but here in chapter 3 he is referred to as Jethro. As we saw with the name of “Jacob” and “Israel” it was not uncommon for a person to have two different names, and the inspired writer of Genesis and Exodus (most likely Moses) had no problem switching back and forth in the use of the names. The reason that Jethro is mentioned in this passage is because Moses had been given the responsibility of taking care of Jethro's sheep. Shepherds would often travel a distance from home with their sheep because they had to find food for their flocks. We saw this from the example of Joseph searching for his brothers. Moses traveled to a place called Horeb, which was referred to as the “mountain of God.” Most likely, this name was given after God appeared to Moses there in the burning bush and appeared to him again when God gave the commandments to Israel (vs 1-2).

While shepherding at the base of the mountain, Moses saw a bush that was burning, but this bush kept burning and was not being consumed.

This puzzled Moses so he traveled over to see the bush, and, when he arrived, God called out to him from the bush. It must have been shocking for Moses to hear a voice from the bush, but even more shocking that the voice knew his name. God told Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. The taking off of the shoes in those days was a sign of reverence and respect for something that was out of the ordinary. This was not an everyday experience for Moses and he was quite terrified, so much so that he hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. God declared to him that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Though God had been relatively silent for the last 400 years, not speaking directly to His children, He was now planning to call Moses to a great task, similar to that of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (vs 3-6).

## How Does this Apply to Me?

One of the great balancing acts leaders face in churches today is the balance between making God real and personal to you and yet, at the same time, realizing that God is sacred and holy. In some churches, everyone wears suits and ties and the mood for worship is often somber and quiet because there is a sense of being scared in order to “go into the presence of God.” At other churches, there is often a disregard for the sacredness of God and anything goes as they attempt to be relevant to the world. It is very tough to often balance between the two extremes and realize that God is a holy and powerful God as seen here in His encounter with Moses, and yet, as you continue to read, you will also see that God is a personal and loving God whom you can go to with all of your problems. Scripture describes in many places how we are to fear God, but the fear referred to is not a constant shaking or nervousness. It is an awe and respect. At the same time, you are told that you can go before the Lord with confidence and boldness because He is your “daddy.” The reality is that He is both holy and majestic and at the same time He is personal, loving and caring. Take time today to evaluate your view of God and see if you tend to lean one way or the other when it comes to reverence and realness.

## Thought for the day

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What had Moses become in the land of Midian (vs 1)?

How do you think this would have been much different than when he was living in Pharaoh's household?

How is Jethro described (vs 1)?

Who were the Midianites?

*\*\*\*Midian was the son of Abraham and his second wife, Keturah. Abraham married her after the death of Sarah. The Midianites were descendants of Abraham and most likely would have practiced some sort of worship that was directed towards the God of Abraham.*

Where did Moses travel to with his flock (vs 1)?

Why do you think it was called "The mountain of God" (vs 1)?

Where was Horeb located?

*\*\*\*We know from Exodus 19:11 and Deuteronomy 4:10 that Horeb and Mt. Sinai were the same place. This has led to a great debate about the actual location, and it is still unknown today.*

What did Moses notice (vs 2)?

Why was Moses curious (vs 3)?

What did God do (vs 4)? How do you think Moses would have felt?

What did God tell Moses to do (vs 5)?

Why do you think God told him this?

Who did God declare that He was (vs 5)?

How did Moses respond to the direct presence of God (vs 5)?

What does this reveal about God?

## ***"Chosen By God"***

**Study:** Exodus 3:7-22

**Reading:** I Corinthians 1:18-31

**Memory:** Proverbs 3:16

### **What Does the Bible Say?**

The cries for help that the Israelites had offered up to God had not gone unnoticed. God's heart was breaking for His people and little did Moses know that God was preparing him to lead the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. God desired to bring them out of slavery and lead them to the Promise Land which He had originally given to Abraham. Moses must have been shocked when God revealed that He was choosing him to deliver the children of Israel. In the last interaction that Moses had with the Israelites, he was mocked by the Israelite men who were fighting and they basically told him that he wasn't their leader. Now, he was being sent back to the same people, people he had little or no contact with for the last 40 years, and was told he was going to lead them. Moses responded to the statement of God by asking how he could be the one chosen to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let the children of Israel go. He had no position of authority among the Israelites and had no clout with the Pharaoh. Though Moses did not think he could do it, God promised that He would be with Moses and would use Moses to bring the people out of Egypt. God promised that they would not only be led out of Egypt, but they would return to the same mountain and would worship God as an Israelite nation on that mountain. This was eventually fulfilled when Moses received the ten commandments at Sinai (vs 7-12).

The command God had given to Moses didn't seem possible to fulfill. After all, how would the people believe him if he showed up one day with a declaration that God had told him to lead them out of Israel. If he would declare that the God of their fathers had sent him, they would ask what His name was. The phrase "what is his name" is interesting. Names were often a reference to authority and power. The Egyptians had a variety of gods who had power over different things (the sea, the river, the sun, the land, the animals, etc.). When God responded to Moses declaring that he should tell the people, "I AM WHO I AM," God was stating that He was the one, all-powerful God. He was the God who

has always existed and was responsible for existence itself. Moses was also to declare that this God was the same God who called Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to be His children. The God of their fathers was sending Moses to deliver them from the oppression of the Egyptians (vs 13-15).

God gave Moses a specific plan of action and told him to first gather the elders of Israel together and tell them that God had appeared to him and was going to use him to deliver them from the land. He promised the elders would listen to him and they would go to the Pharaoh and ask the Pharaoh to let them travel three days away from Egypt so they could have time to worship God. God knew that Pharaoh would not listen and that it would take a show of mighty power to finally move the Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave. God also promised that the Israelites would not leave empty handed, but He would cause the Egyptians to give them great wealth so that they would leave Egypt with an abundance of silver, gold and clothing. They would plunder the Egyptians without having to fight for their freedom since God was going to battle for them (vs 16-21).

### **How Does this Apply to Me?**

Have you ever been called by God to do something that is completely out of your comfort zone? Most likely, if you are a believer, you have been called by God (or will be called by Him at some point) to do something that you don't think you could do. This is because you are limited in your power and strength. Yet, at the same time, God is completely powerful and can do all things. It is very easy to come up with excuses and reasons to give to God explaining why you can't do what you are being prompted to do. Yet, you must remember that you are only a tool. God will enable you to do all that He wants you to do and He will show His miraculous power and might through you. Take time to meditate on things that God has called you to do that you don't think you can do. Did you carry through on those things? How did God show Himself mighty through those times? What is it that He might be calling you to do today that you are fearful about doing?

### **Thought for the day**

What did God tell Moses He has seen and heard (vs 7)?

How can this understanding of God be a great comfort to you?

Why did God say He had come down to earth (vs 8)?

What was God's plan (vs 8)?

What had reached God (vs 9)?

What was God's plan (vs 10)?

What did Moses question (vs 11)?

Why do you think he questioned this?

What did God say He would do (vs 12)?

Why is it important to understand that God will be with you?

What did God say would happen (vs 12)?

Why did Moses doubt (vs 13)?

Who did God say He was (vs 14)? What do you think that meant?

What did God want to be remembered (vs 15)?

What was Moses to tell the elders of Israel (vs 16-17)?

How would the leaders respond (vs 18)?

What did God know (vs 19)?

What was God's plan (vs 20)?

What would happen when the Israelites left Egypt (vs 21-22)?

What does this reveal about God?

# “God Wants You”

**Study:** Exodus 4:1-16

**Reading:** I Corinthians 1:1-31

**Memory:** Proverbs 3:16

## What Does the Bible Say?

Moses thought just the way that most of us would think. He asked God who would believe him if he showed up one day and told them about the burning bush and how he was supposed to be the leader to lead them out of captivity. He knew that they would question his sanity and his authority. It is easy to think that God responded to the hesitancy of Moses in anger, but most likely, His tone was seasoned with grace as He answered the questions of Moses. He asked Moses what he was carrying in his hand. Moses stated the obvious and told Him it was his staff. It must have seemed strange when God told him to throw the staff down on the ground. Yet, when Moses threw it to the ground, the stick turned into a snake. It must have been a dangerous snake because Moses started to run from it. The Lord called out to Moses, calming him, and telling him to pick the snake up by the tail. Moses was to go from running away from the snake to picking up the snake by the tail. When he picked it up as God said, it became a staff again. God told Moses He would show the leaders of Israel this sign so they would see that he wasn't just making up a story about the leading of God, but so the people could see that Moses was doing exactly as God had said (vs 1-5).

God gave him another sign to assure him and did so by telling him to put his hand into his cloak. He did so and when he pulled it out, it was white and filled with a skin disease called leprosy. God told him to put his hand back in his cloak and he obeyed. When he pulled it out this time, his hand was back to normal. God then gave Moses a third sign to reveal that he was called by God. If they chose not to believe the first two signs, he was to take water from the Nile river and pour it on dry ground. When he would do so, the water would turn to blood and this sign with the other two would convince the Israelites that he was from God (vs 6-9).

Moses attempted to give another excuse and told God that there was no way he could speak in front of others. He describe himself as “slow

of speech.” What exactly he meant by this is not clear. We are not sure if he actually had a speech problem or if he was just making up an excuse because he was not eloquent. God once again responded to the excuse of Moses by asking Moses who gave him the ability to speak. He reminded Moses that He was the one who made all men just the way that they were and He had the ability to use men however He chose to use them. God commanded him to go and He told Moses that He would be with him and give him the words to say (vs 10-12).

Up to this point, it appears that God had been graciously talking to Moses, but when Moses gave one more excuse, the anger of God was kindled. This was really not an excuse, but a bold statement telling God to send someone else. Moses didn't want to do what God was calling him to do though God had been preparing him for this specific purpose. God told Moses that Aaron had headed out to meet Moses and that his brother was a good speaker. Aaron would be the spokesperson for Moses and would do some of the public speaking. Moses was to meet Aaron and reveal to him what God had instructed (vs 13-17).

## How Does this Apply to Me?

Are you full of excuses when God calls you to do something? Do you feel inadequate to carry out the eternal purposes that God has for your life? You are weak and you are powerless, but that doesn't mean you can't be used by God. He will give you the power, strength and ability that you need to carry out the task He has called you to do. God didn't make a mistake when He chose you because He knows what you have the ability and power to do, and He gives you grace to accomplish things that you don't have the natural ability to do. You must choose to be obedient and become a vessel that God can use. He wants to use you and has a plan and a purpose for your life.

## Suggestions for Prayer

\* *Thank God for choosing to use you.*

\* *Ask God to help you rely on Him for strength and power.*

## Thought for the day

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What did Moses say would happen (vs 1)?

What did God tell Moses to do with his staff (vs 2)?

What happened to the staff (vs 3)?

What did God want Moses to do with the snake (vs 4)?

What did God say this sign would show the people (vs 5)?

What did God do to the hand of Moses (vs 6-7)?

What did God say the people would do (vs 8)?

What third sign would Moses have to give the people (vs 9)?

What excuse did Moses make (vs 10)?

Can you blame Moses for making excuses? Explain.

What question did God ask Moses (vs 11)?

What was the point that God was making?

What did God tell Moses to do (vs 12)?

What did Moses ask God to do (vs 13)?

What did God say He would do for Moses (vs 14)?

What did God say He would be with (vs 15)?

What do you think the end of verse 16 meant?

Why do you think God kept insisting that Moses do what He told him to do?

How can you see yourself acting like Moses at times?

## **Memorization**

(review this week's memory verse)

*Proverbs 3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, 2 for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. 3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. 11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, 12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. 13 Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, 14 for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. 15 She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.*