

Up From Slavery

A man / A people / A plan

LEADERSHIP STYLE

EXODUS 11

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¹ Now the LORD had said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. ² Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold.” ³ (The LORD made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)

⁴ So Moses said, “This is what the LORD says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. ⁵ Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. ⁶ There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. ⁷ But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal.’ Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. ⁸ All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, ‘Go, you and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will leave.” Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.

⁹ The LORD had said to Moses, “Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you—so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt.” ¹⁰ Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country.

4 Truths to Ponder

1. The impact of denying God's work and presence.

Text	Miracle / Plague	Response	Agency
Ex 7:13 &14	Aaron's staff	Heart became hard	Pharaoh
Ex 7:22	Blood	Heart became hard	Pharaoh
Ex 8:15	Frogs	He hardened	Pharaoh
Ex 8:19	Gnats	Heart was hard	Pharaoh
Ex 8:32	Flies	He hardened	Pharaoh
Ex 9:7	Livestock	Unyielding	Pharaoh
Ex 9:12	Boils	The Lord hardened	God
Ex 9:34-35	Hail	He hardened	Pharaoh
Ex 10:1 & 20	Locust	I have hardened	God
Ex 10:27	Darkness	The Lord hardened	God
Ex 11:9	Firstborn	The Lord hardened	God

4 Truths to Ponder

1. The impact of denying God's work and presence.
2. The fact that God's will is not bound by our sense of 'fair.'
3. The incredible wonder of salvation.
4. The stewardship of influence.

Two Patterns

- Pharaoh (the person of the world)
- Moses (the person committed to God)

Three Essential Choices

1. Pride or Humility

²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:25-28

2. Three Essential Choices

2. Obedience or Disobedience

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?

¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2

2. Three Essential Choices

2. Obedience or Disobedience

“Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God; and he that trusts God obeys God. He that is without faith is without works; and he that is without works is without faith.”

C. H. Spurgeon

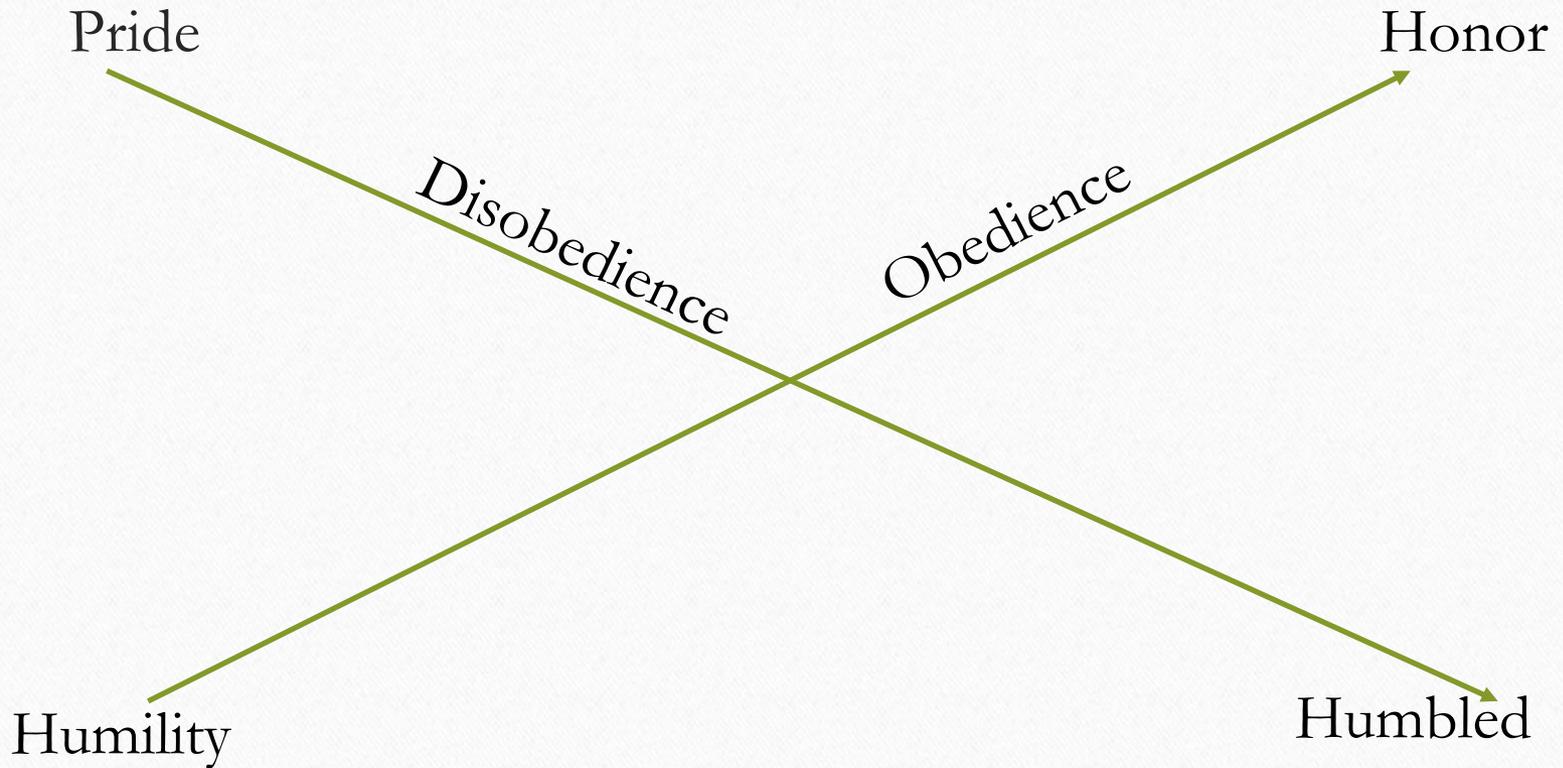
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3. Blessing or Harm

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:7–10

The Ultimate Choice



To Go . . .

- Why is character such a big issue in the eyes of God?
- How do we know what love is?
- How do we know what love requires?
- How can we reconcile the harshness of God's judgment on Pharaoh with the truth that God is love?