

## 1-29-17 Scripture Reading

### Message: ADJUSTING TO GOD IS OFTEN COSTLY

#### Exodus 5 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup>And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD , the God of Israel, 'Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.'"

<sup>2</sup>But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD , and besides, I will not let Israel go."

<sup>3</sup>Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

<sup>4</sup>But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you draw the people away from their work? Get *back* to your labors!"

<sup>5</sup>Again Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now many, and you would have them cease from their labors!"

<sup>6</sup>So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters over the people and their foremen, saying,

<sup>7</sup>"You are no longer to give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>But the quota of bricks which they were making previously, you shall impose on them; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are lazy, therefore they cry out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'

<sup>9</sup>"Let the labor be heavier on the men, and let them work at it that they may pay no attention to false words."

<sup>10</sup>So the taskmasters of the people and their foremen went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I am not going to give you *any* straw.

<sup>11</sup>'You go *and* get straw for yourselves wherever you can find *it*; but none of your labor will be reduced.'"

<sup>12</sup>So the people scattered through all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

<sup>13</sup>And the taskmasters pressed them, saying, "Complete your work quota, *your* daily amount, just as when you had straw."

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14 Moreover, the foremen of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, "Why have you not completed your required amount either yesterday or today in making brick as previously?"

15 Then the foremen of the sons of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why do you deal this way with your servants?"

16 "There is no straw given to your servants, yet they keep saying to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants are being beaten; but it is the fault of your *own* people."

17 But he said, "You are lazy, *very* lazy; therefore you say, 'Let us go *and* sacrifice to the LORD .' "

18 "So go now *and* work; for you shall be given no straw, yet you must deliver the quota of bricks."

19 And the foremen of the sons of Israel saw that they were in trouble because they were told, "You must not reduce *your* daily amount of bricks."

20 When they left Pharaoh's presence, they met Moses and Aaron as they were waiting for them.

21 And they said to them, "May the LORD look upon you and judge *you*, for you have made us odious in Pharaoh's sight and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

22 Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why hast Thou brought harm to this people? Why didst Thou ever send me?"

23 "Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Thy name, he has done harm to this people; and Thou hast not delivered Thy people at all."

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**Exodus 5:1-23 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD , the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.'"

<sup>2</sup>Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD , that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."

<sup>3</sup>Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword."

<sup>4</sup>But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!"

<sup>5</sup>Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working."

<sup>6</sup>That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and foremen in charge of the people:

<sup>7</sup>"You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw.

<sup>8</sup>But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'

<sup>9</sup>Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."

<sup>10</sup>Then the slave drivers and the foremen went out and said to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you any more straw.

<sup>11</sup>Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.'"

<sup>12</sup>So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw.

<sup>13</sup>The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, "Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw."

<sup>14</sup>The Israelite foremen appointed by Pharaoh's slave drivers were beaten and were asked, "Why didn't you meet your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?"

15 Then the Israelite foremen went and appealed to Pharaoh: "Why have you treated your servants this way?"

16 Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, 'Make bricks!' Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people."

17 Pharaoh said, "Lazy, that's what you are — lazy! That is why you keep saying, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD .'

18 Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks."

19 The Israelite foremen realized they were in trouble when they were told, "You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day."

20 When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them,

21 and they said, "May the LORD look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."

22 Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me?"

23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all."

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**Ex Chapter 5:1-23**

<sup>1</sup>After this presentation to Israel's leaders, Moses and Aaron went and spoke to Pharaoh. They told him, "This is what the LORD , the God of Israel, says: Let my people go so they may hold a festival in my honor in the wilderness."

<sup>2</sup>"Is that so?" retorted Pharaoh. "And who is the LORD ? Why should I listen to him and let Israel go? I don't know the LORD , and I will not let Israel go."

<sup>3</sup>But Aaron and Moses persisted. "The God of the Hebrews has met with us," they declared. "So let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness so we can offer sacrifices to the LORD our God. If we don't, he will kill us with a plague or with the sword."

<sup>4</sup>Pharaoh replied, "Moses and Aaron, why are you distracting the people from their tasks? Get back to work!"

<sup>5</sup>Look, there are many of your people in the land, and you are stopping them from their work."

<sup>6</sup>That same day Pharaoh sent this order to the Egyptian slave drivers and the Israelite foremen:

<sup>7</sup>"Do not supply any more straw for making bricks. Make the people get it themselves!"

<sup>8</sup>But still require them to make the same number of bricks as before. Don't reduce the quota. They are lazy. That's why they are crying out, 'Let us go and offer sacrifices to our God.'

<sup>9</sup>Load them down with more work. Make them sweat! That will teach them to listen to lies!"

<sup>10</sup>So the slave drivers and foremen went out and told the people: "This is what Pharaoh says: I will not provide any more straw for you.

<sup>11</sup>Go and get it yourselves. Find it wherever you can. But you must produce just as many bricks as before!"

<sup>12</sup>So the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt in search of stubble to use as straw.

<sup>13</sup>Meanwhile, the Egyptian slave drivers continued to push hard. "Meet your daily quota of bricks, just as you did when we provided you with straw!" they demanded.

<sup>14</sup>Then they whipped the Israelite foremen they had put in charge of the work crews. "Why haven't you met your quotas either yesterday or today?" they demanded.

## Ex 5:15-23 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> So the Israelite foremen went to Pharaoh and pleaded with him. "Please don't treat your servants like this," they begged.

<sup>16</sup> "We are given no straw, but the slave drivers still demand, 'Make bricks!' We are being beaten, but it isn't our fault! Your own people are to blame!"

<sup>17</sup> But Pharaoh shouted, "You're just lazy! Lazy! That's why you're saying, 'Let us go and offer sacrifices to the LORD .' "

<sup>18</sup> Now get back to work! No straw will be given to you, but you must still produce the full quota of bricks."

<sup>19</sup> The Israelite foremen could see that they were in serious trouble when they were told, "You must not reduce the number of bricks you make each day."

<sup>20</sup> As they left Pharaoh's court, they confronted Moses and Aaron, who were waiting outside for them.

<sup>21</sup> The foremen said to them, "May the LORD judge and punish you for making us stink before Pharaoh and his officials. You have put a sword into their hands, an excuse to kill us!"

<sup>22</sup> Then Moses went back to the LORD and protested, "Why have you brought all this trouble on your own people, Lord? Why did you send me?"

<sup>23</sup> Ever since I came to Pharaoh as your spokesman, he has been even more brutal to your people. And you have done nothing to rescue them!"

## 2 Cor 11:23-33

<sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? (I speak as if insane) I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine *lashes*. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. <sup>26</sup> *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; <sup>27</sup> *I have been* in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup> Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure upon me *of* concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern? <sup>30</sup> If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness. <sup>31</sup> The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup> In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me, <sup>33</sup> and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and *so* escaped his hands.

## John 21:18-22

<sup>18</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "**Follow Me!**" <sup>20</sup> Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*; the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" <sup>21</sup> Peter therefore seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "**If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!**"

## Luke 9:23

<sup>23</sup> And He was saying to *them* all, "**If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.**"

## Ex 4:20

<sup>20</sup> So Moses took his wife and his sons and mounted them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. Moses also took the staff of God in his hand.

### Ex 6:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, 'I am the LORD , and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. <sup>7</sup> 'Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

### Ex 7:5

<sup>5</sup> And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD , when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst."

### Ex 9:16

<sup>16</sup> But, indeed, for this cause I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power, and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.

### Ex 3:8

<sup>8</sup> So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

### 1 Cor 3:13-15

<sup>13</sup> each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

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