

## Small Groups @ TBC

### Sermon Discussion Notes

**Date of Sermon:** April 15th 2018

**Speaker:** David Lawrence

**Title:** Exodus: God vs Pharaoh Round 1

**Introduction:** This talk opened up the scene at the start of Exodus, where God's people are living under the oppressive regime of Pharaoh.

**Review:** Invite one or more who have heard the talk to give their own brief review.

**Read:** Exodus 1:15-2:10

**Reflect :**

- Imagine you were Shiprah or Puah (v15). What was at stake for Shiprah and Puah in disobeying their 'boss'?
  - How would you respond to the instruction to do something morally wrong in your workplace? Can you think of any examples? And what is at stake for you if you obeyed God rather than your boss?
  - *(If there is anyone in this situation at the moment, take time to listen to them and pray with them).*
- Now imagine you were Pharaoh. What provokes you to issue such a harsh demand (see vs 6-10). What are you afraid of?
  - Fear of loss, and of losing control drive Pharaoh to seek to exterminate the Hebrews. What are managers and leaders afraid of in workplaces that you are part of (or have been part of)?
    - How can this fear make them take bad decisions?
    - How would a Christian leader/manager respond differently in such circumstances?
- Thirdly, imagine that you are the couple mentioned in 2:1 (*maybe called Amram and Jochebed* - see 6:20).
  - Consider how would you feel about becoming a parent, given the threat that Pharaoh had issued? What would be the hopes and fears for your child?
  - Moses' mother took extreme steps to protect her child (2:3) from Pharaoh's threat. What 'threats' would parents today see in the world that they are bringing children into? Make a list. For each threat on your list, discuss what steps Christian parents might take to protect their children. *(You could pause and pray for parents and children known to you).*
  - The book of Hebrews singles out Moses' parents as examples of great faith (Hebrews 11:23). How do they 'flesh out' the definition of faith found in

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Hebrews 11:1? What could parents (and others) learn about faith from them?

**And finally:**

As you conclude, ask each person:

- What is the main thing you are taking away as an action point?
- How can we pray for you?
- Is there anything we can check on next time we meet?

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