The Great Confrontation

Tony Mauck · Exodus 5:1–2

INTRODUCTION

- This morning, I want to talk to you about an even greater confrontation.
- That powerful God that we read about in Exodus, that powerful God still acts in our world on behalf of his people and to accomplish his purposes, which are great.
- This story tells us we cannot approach God on our terms.

1 At First, Pharaoh Rejects God Altogether

Exodus 5:1–2; Psalm 75:6–7

- At first, Pharaoh rejects God altogether.
- When Moses first comes before the presence of the mighty king of the world, Pharaoh, and says, You need to let my people go.
- He saw himself as a God. How could this God of these slaves be anything in comparison to me?
- Pharaoh actually thought he was in control.
- God is judge. He exalts. He puts down one and exalts another.

2 Pharaoh Procrastinated

Isaiah 7

- And then secondly, Pharaoh's like a lot of people today because he procrastinated.
- And Moses comes and says, The honor is yours. You tell me, when do you want him to go away?
- Why does God do this? He is merciful. And so Pharaoh says, tomorrow.
- If God can do it tomorrow, he can do it today. He created everything by merely saying a word.
- Every day you spend away from the Lord, you hurt and cheat yourself. You choose the inferior.
- Every day you put off obedience to the Lord and making your life right with him, you take a gigantic step toward the worst of all outcomes. Do not procrastinate.

3 Compromise Whenever He's in Distress

- Point number three. Compromise. Whenever he's in distress, Pharaoh is willing to yield.
- I sinned this time. This is big. I'm sorry. Make it go away.
- We encounter a tough spot in our lives. Oh God, I need you to fix it.
- It should yield profuse thanksgiving, not in the moment of deliverance, but on going in our lives.
- We ought to be as profusely thankful today as we were that day. And it ought to yield. Confident. Trust.

4 Insincere Repentance

Matthew 21

- Insincere repentance. He keeps saying he will, but he doesn't.
- The son that does the will of the Father is the one who changes his mind, who repents and says, That was wrong. I will go.
- Yeah, I'll go with you, God. But again, it's on their terms. It's when it's convenient for them.
- You come to God. It is always about change. It is no longer me. I no longer serve myself. But him who died and rose again on my behalf.
- Sometimes you will say, I will not. But you must repent. And come back to I will. Coming to the Lord is I will.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you ready to say I will to God?

MY NOTES