

Sunday, May 12, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

# Part 7: Bricks Without Straw

Exodus 5:1-6:13

# Each step toward redemption is often met with greater **AFFLICTION**, (5:1-23)

## Bricks Without Straw (5:1-14)

a greater burden

evidence for the truth & reliability of Scripture

# Religion & Oppression v. The Gospel (5:15-19)

<b>Religion/Oppression says:</b>	Jesus' Gospel says:
"You're <u>NOT DOING ENOUGH</u> !	"You can <u>NEVER DO ENOUGH</u>
Work harder!"	Let me do it for you."
<sup>17</sup> "You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>18</sup> Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks." — Pharaoh (Exodus 5:17-18)	<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and <b>I will give you rest.</b> <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and <b>you will find rest for your souls.</b> <sup>30</sup> For <b>my</b> <b>yoke is easy</b> , and <b>my burden is light.</b> " — Jesus (Matthew 11:28–30)

Greater affliction meets not only those being redeemed, but also those helping to redeem... (v. 20-23)

# remember that God can work our **TROUBLES** into **TRIUMPH** (6:1-13)

### God keeps his promises, (6:1-8)

Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass. — Joshua 21:45

He promises to work everything for our good in the end.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. – Genesis 50:20

## so trust him, and keep moving forward. (6:9-13)



# **Getting Started**

1. **Getting to Know You:** If you were to look back on the last year (or few years) of your life, would it be marked by more troubles or more triumphs? What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the "1:10" comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

2. **Read Exodus 5:1-6:13.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

# **Digging Deeper**

- 3. Some of us probably answered Question 1 by saying we had more trouble than triumph in recent years. Despite this we were reminded this weekend that in our troubles there's opportunity for beneficial things to happen. How could that knowledge change your prayer life and outlook when bad things happen?
- 4. **Read Romans 5:3-5.** Looking at the list below, how have the following played out in your life the last few years?
  - Trials
  - Perseverance
  - Character
  - Hope
- 5. In the story of Job, God gives Satan permission to take away Job's wealth, his ten children and finally his health (Job 1-2). Job found himself in an extremely difficult situation where he was trying to make sense of who God is and what he was up to. Read Job 1:18-22; 2:7-10; 27:2-7; and 29:2-6 and jot down Job's responses and how they can help us develop a more realistic and appropriate response to difficult (and seemingly unfair) circumstances we may face in our own life.
- Job's friends tried to figure out what was going on and they got it all wrong too. Read Job 38, 42:1-7 &10. How could these passages impact your perspective when you find yourself dealing with questions about God's sovereignty and your circumstances?
- 7. As you wrap up, are there any blessings or praises you'd like to thank God for? Take some time to thank God for what he's done and also pray for the future. Use the following verses to help you in your prayers for the future.

Psalm 119:33-40 Psalm 139:23-24 Ephesians 1:17-23

# PRAYER GUIDE

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

## **Neighboring Church**

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Milford Chapel.

#### **Personal Prayer Items**

#### Word Find for Exodus 6:6-8 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

6 Say therefore to the people of Israel, 7 am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.'"

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