

Exodus 7  
The Conflict Begins

*God opposes the proud but He gives grace to the humble.*  
James 4:6

*Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.*  
Isaiah 66:2

*Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.*  
Numbers 12:3

Exodus 7 is a contrast between a proud man and by extension you could say a proud people ... AND a humble man and a humble people. This contrast has been 400 years in the making.

Pharaoh is the proud man. Moses is the humble man.  
Egypt is the proud nation. Israel is the humble nation.

We all struggle with pride. The thing about pride is that we get so used to living with it on a daily basis that we don't even notice it.

I have made you like God to Pharaoh. Literal: I have made you God to Pharaoh.

That was a direct attack on Pharaoh's pride.

God's response to Pharaoh's nonresponse will be judgment. This judgment will be so powerful that not only will Pharaoh submit to God, but Israel will be free from Egypt at the same time. The powerful judgment of God will accomplish two things: Egypt will be decimated, as if they had gone to war with chariots, swords and spears and lost... AND Israel will be free.

Notice the pattern here because it's fascinating.

God – People – Signs & Wonders – Response

In the case of Egypt and Israel – Israel responded to God and the Egyptians did not.  
Both people had the same opportunity. Both people needed to respond.

Here's what I've given to you in terms of the gospel in 4 words:

God – People – Jesus – Response

When Moses gets a reiteration of the call to go to Pharaoh and tell him everything the Lord says, the response is immediate, (Exodus 7:6.)

Moses had reached the point of submission to the word of God and the will of God.  
A great goal for the Christian is immediate and instinctive obedience to God.  
Moses has achieved a victory through surrender.

## **Four Gospels by Easter:**

- Day 1 Matthew 1-3
- Day 2 Matthew 4-6
- Day 3 Matthew 7-9
- Day 4 Matthew 10-12
- Day 5 Matthew 13-15
- Day 6 Matthew 16-18
- Day 7 Matthew 19-21
- Day 8 Matthew 22-24
- Day 9 Matthew 25-27
- Day 10 Matthew 28 | Mark 1-2
- Day 11 Mark 3-5
- Day 12 Mark 6-8
- Day 13 Mark 9-11
- Day 14 Mark 12-14
- Day 15 Luke 1 | Mark 15-16
- Day 16 Luke 2-4
- Day 17 Luke 5-7
- Day 18 Luke 8-10
- Day 19 Luke 11-13
- Day 20 Luke 14-16
- Day 21 Luke 17-19
- Day 22 Luke 20-22
- Day 23 John 1 | Luke 23-24
- Day 24 John 2-4
- Day 25 John 5-7
- Day 26 John 8-10
- Day 27 John 11-13
- Day 28 John 14-16
- Day 29 John 17-19
- Day 30 John 20-21