



“NO COMPROMISE”

Series: “SO MUCH MORE”, Part 6 of 10

Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Exodus 8-10

Big Idea: The abundant life God designs for us requires a full and robust commitment to the plans and purposes of God.

Exodus 8:20-25, Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the water and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies, and even the ground where they are. ““But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the LORD, am in this land. I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This miraculous sign will occur tomorrow.” And the LORD did this. Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh’s palace and into the houses of his officials, and throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies. Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land.”

I. DO YOUR RELIGIOUS THING, BUT DON’T LEAVE EGYPT.

Exodus 8:25b, “... Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land.”

II. YOU MAY LEAVE EGYPT, BUT DON’T GO VERY FAR.

Exodus 8:28a, Pharaoh said, “I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the LORD your God in the desert, but you must not go very far.”

III. YOU MAY DEPART, BUT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN IN EGYPT.

Exodus 9:6-7, And the next day the LORD did it: All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one animal belonging to the Israelites died. Pharaoh sent men to investigate and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died. Yet his heart was unyielding and he would not let the people go.

Exodus 9:9, It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on men and animals throughout the land.

Exodus 9:10-11, So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses tossed it into the air, and festering boils broke out on men and animals. The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils that were on them and on all the Egyptians.

Exodus 10:7, Pharaoh's officials said to him, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the people go, so that they may worship the LORD their God. Do you not yet realize that Egypt is ruined?"

Exodus 10:8-10, Then Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. "Go, worship the LORD your God," he said. "But just who will be going?" Moses answered, "We will go with our young and old, with our sons and daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because we are to celebrate a festival to the LORD." Pharaoh said, "The LORD be with you—if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil.

IV. YOU MAY DEPART, BUT LEAVE YOUR POSSESSIONS BEHIND.

Exodus 10:21-22, Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt--darkness that can be felt." So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.

Exodus 10:24, Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, "Go, worship the LORD. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind."

Exodus 10:25-26a, But Moses said, "You must allow us to have sacrifices and burnt offerings to present to the LORD our God. Our livestock too must go with us; not a hoof is to be left behind."