

Dgroup Discussion Guide for October 23, 2016

I Said It; I Will Do It

Scripture: **Exodus 7**

In Exodus 7, the Lord begins to exercise His judgment over the Egyptians because of their disobedience in keeping other gods. He says in Exodus 12:12, ***against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the Lord.*** He does so by sending ten plagues, one for each of the gods that the Egyptians were worshipping at that time.

Moses and Aaron attempted to prove God's might to Pharaoh by performing miracles before him. When Aaron cast down his staff in front of Pharaoh, it became a snake; however, Egyptian sorcerers were able to do the same, so the Egyptian ruler continued to harden his heart toward the Lord. The Lord allowed the heart of Pharaoh to harden against allowing the Israelites get out of the land so that He may display His power and show the Egyptians that He is the one true God. The Lord says in Exodus 7:5, ***The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst.***

Because Pharaoh still refused to allow the people of Israelites freedom, the Lord instructed Moses and Aaron to turn the water of the life-giving Nile River to blood. At the time, the Nile was necessary in the sustenance of all life in Egypt, whether it be for commerce or agriculture. However, similar to the previous display of God's miraculous power, the Egyptian magicians were able to do the same, and so Pharaoh's heart remained hardened.

We must note that what seems to be the main cause of the hardening of Pharaoh's heart is the fact that his sorcerers and magicians were able to replicate the miracles that the Lord was performing through Moses and Aaron. Ephesians 6:12 says, ***For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rules, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*** This is a reminder for us that there is warfare going on in the spiritual realm; we must therefore validate whether the signs and wonders we see are from God or Satan. 2 Corinthians 10:5 says, ***We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.*** We must read, meditate, and obey the Word of God to be able to discern whether the "signs" we see are truly from the Lord.

APPLICATION:

Patently listen as God reveals where you can apply the passage's lesson in your life. Write down specific action points to what He has revealed to you.

	<p>What is keeping you from obeying God completely?</p>
	<p>Are you still waiting for a sign? What sign are you waiting for ?</p>
	<p>What can you say about your faith in God – is it complete or partial?</p>
	

PRAYERS:

Lift all the things that you learned back to God. Share your thoughts to Him. If He is impressing a sin in your life, confess it to Him. He is always ready to forgive.