

Message Series: Let My people go

Message Title: Things can only get.....worse....

Key Scripture:

Exodus 5:1–9

Exodus 6:9

Message Summary

Things can only get worse.....as soon as Moses starts to try and make things better for the Israelites, things get worse. So often when we try and take control of a situation, it gets worse. When we try and assert ourselves over anything or anyone we can face consequences. Pharaoh tried to imitate the Israelites by taking away the straw in order to stop them trying to asking for time off in order to go and worship the Lord. Exodus 6:9 tells us that they could no longer believe that God would deliver them because of their 'shortness of breath'. In order to start to move towards greater freedom, we need to identify the areas of our live we are still being controlled by something or someone, and we need the breath of God to come into our lives to give us the courage and faith to keep moving forward in the face of intimidation.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

How free are we as a group? Do we allow one another to think differently and disagree without being disagreeable? Are we trying to control others, or are others trying to control us? How do we know we are experiencing healthy relationships?

Discipleship – growing in Christ both in thought and action

Have we been able to identify areas in our life where we need more freedom? What do we think about the onion analogy when it comes to our freedom?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

Take time praying for one another, asking God to put breath back in our lungs so we can believe in who He is, and have the courage to walk towards greater freedom

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

God's intention in freeing the Israelites was to create a people to show the nations around what it meant to belong to God. How can we use our freedom to represent to those around us what it is like to belong to Christ?

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

Often things control us, when we look to them instead of Christ as our Lord. Are there areas of our lives that need surrendering to Christ in order for us to find freedom?