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- Take special note of Exodus 10:7. This is one of the only times that the officials of Pharaoh are noted as being extremely vocal about what's taking place and as a result, they offer Pharaoh counsel to release the Israelites. Consider and discuss the following questions.
  - Why is it typically easier to continue being stubborn and prideful rather than considering that we are wrong and/or acknowledging that we are wrong?
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- **Exodus 10:12-20**

- What does the characterization of the plague of locusts in Exodus 10:14-15 indicate about the nature of God?
  - God is 100% faithful to His promises at all times regardless of the circumstances and His faithfulness is complete and total. There aren't any holes, gaps, and/or deficiencies in His faithfulness. God's faithfulness to who He is and what He says isn't always warm and fuzzy. There will be times when that faithfulness means discipline for us and others.

- **Exodus 10:21-29**

- Notice the contrast between Pharaoh and Moses in Exodus 10:24-26. Pharaoh again wants to negotiate and have things on his terms but Moses makes a seemingly interesting comment at the end of verse 26 regarding the livestock saying, "We have to use some of them in worshipping the Lord our God, and until we get there we will not what we are to use to worship the Lord." What do you think this statement indicates about what he knew about God?
  - Moses clearly understood that he didn't have and didn't need all of the answers nor did he need to see the entire picture at this point in time. Yes, he was saying what God had given him to say but he was also believing and trusting that God would reveal to him and the Israelites exactly what they would need at exactly the right time.
    - Would you say that your trust and belief in God currently can be characterized in the same way? In other words, a belief and trust in God that He will give you exactly what you need at exactly the right time? Why or why not?



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- **Exodus 11:1-10**

- Notice what the text says in Exodus 11:2-3 about how the Israelites and how Moses in particular was thought of by the Egyptian officials and people? How do you explain this?
  - The Israelites being thought of highly by the Egyptians is a little bit easier to understand because the text states that God made this happen and while we hopefully know and understand that God is over everything, Moses being thought of highly is a little more difficult to explain. Consider what he had been responsible for by the hand of God and through the power of God. The reality is that through all of what happened, Moses had lived in such a way among the Egyptians that demonstrated God's power AND love. Moses really should have been hated and the text doesn't say (in any translation) that Moses was thought of highly because the officials and the other Egyptians feared him although this may have been true.
    - What should this teach us about how we are to be living as disciples of Jesus in 2019?
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  - How do we explain a God of love allowing and, in some ways, causing what is going to happen with the firstborn of the Egyptians.
    - We don't need to feel a burden to explain all of the reasons behind what is going to happen with the firstborn of the Egyptians because the reality is that we probably don't know all of the reasons. It was a terrible situation that happened and if we can't at least acknowledge this, we aren't being honest when we approach the text and what we find in it. To think or say that the Egyptians deserved all of this may be going too far, especially when we consider what we deserve for our sin. We know that Pharaoh's decisions had extremely sad implications for the people that he led. We know that God gave him a ton of opportunities to listen and repent. We know that Pharaoh didn't take any of those



opportunities and as a result, he and his people are about to be in a situation that is absolutely heartbreaking. We know that was about to take place among the Egyptians was a foreshadowing of what God was going to do for all of humanity through Jesus.

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