



Over the past few weeks in our Exodus series, we've discussed various aspects of God's call upon our lives. Last week, we discussed "God's Work in Your Life on the Way to Your Calling" and looked at the purification process Moses had to go through on his way to Egypt – God was preparing him for his calling, much like He does in our lives. The story that we're covering today is challenging. It's a story of pain and suffering. It's not a celebratory passage. You might even say it's a sad and confusing passage if you're in Moses' shoes. As we conclude today's discussion, you'll be encouraged that you're not alone if you're in a season of not understanding what God is doing in your life. That's why today's study is titled "When You Don't Understand What God is Doing."

Key Passage: Exodus 5

Discussion Questions:

1. How do trust and waiting compare to our typically fast-paced life and culture?
2. What are some examples of situations where waiting for God's timing has been challenging in your life?
3. Why didn't Pharaoh want to let the people of Israel go worship? What was his revenge for Moses and Aaron making their request? What is his reasoning behind the revenge?
4. How do you think the Hebrew foremen's reaction to Moses and Aaron's leadership reflects our typical response to challenging situations? Considering how the people responded to Moses and Aaron, what does this show us about their faith at the end of chapter 4?
5. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you didn't understand what God was doing? In what ways can Moses' experience of doubt and questioning God's actions resonate with our own experiences?
6. Can you relate to the struggle of not fully understanding why certain difficulties or challenges occur? How would you explain the difference between what God causes and what He permits?
7. What are the potential benefits of experiencing hardship in our lives, as mentioned in the sermon?
8. How can we cultivate trust in God's character during times of uncertainty and difficulty?
9. What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on this week?