



Today, we will discuss "The Danger of a Hardened Heart". We're going to learn about how God hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and over the next few weeks, we're going to see how sometimes God hardened Pharaoh's heart, and at other times, Pharaoh hardened his own heart towards God. A hardened heart is never good, and we can get there quickly. We can have a hardened heart towards others and the Lord. Why do we get to this place? It's usually related to some kind of pain or disappointment. Someone in your life treated you wrong, caused pain, disappointed you, or because you expected God to act in a certain way, and He acted the opposite. You may not even realize that you have a hard heart - it's not something we set out to have towards God or others. But there's a real danger when you close yourself off. So, let's lean in together, and if the shoe fits today, it's time to wear it and deal with the Lord.

Key Passage: Exodus 7:1-13

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think God sometimes hardens Pharaoh's heart, and at other times, Pharaoh hardens his own heart? What might be the purpose behind these actions?
2. It's dangerous to have a hardened heart towards God or others. Can you think of real-life examples where this danger played out in your life or those around you?
3. In today's passage, we see God's miraculous power displayed through Moses and Aaron. What role do miracles have in softening or hardening hearts?
4. Throughout this series, we've noted Moses' and Aaron's ages as they embarked on their mission. How does age affect our willingness or confidence to serve God through different stages of life?
5. How can our church benefit from the energy, passion, and zeal of younger generations and the wisdom and spiritual maturity of older generations?
6. Satan can perform counterfeit signs and wonders. How should we approach the idea of spiritual warfare in our lives?
7. Reflecting on the warnings about a hardened heart, can you identify moments in your life when you may have missed experiencing the power of God due to a hardened heart?
8. It's vital to soften our hearts before the Lord. How can you practically soften your heart and listen to God in life's challenges?