



Throughout the book of Exodus, Pharaoh represents rebellion against God. We saw it last week and are about to see it again. Here's the reality that each of us must face – we all begin at a place of rebellion against God. As much as we want to read this story and look down upon Pharaoh, today, we will consider our own lives as we look through his rebellion. The title of today's study is "The Pharaoh in Me". What is about to unfold over the next few weeks is that the judgment of God is about to be poured out upon both Pharaoh and Egypt. These are what the Bible calls the ten plagues that are about to bring Pharaoh to rock bottom, where he will finally release the Israelites out of captivity. These move in a progression from being bad to devastating. It is a wild story of God pouring out His wrath.

Key Passage: Exodus 7:14-9:7

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the repeated hardening of Pharaoh's heart impact the progression of events in today's passage? What does this reveal about the nature of rebellion against God?
2. The title of today's study is "The Pharaoh in Me." Can you identify moments where you might have exhibited characteristics similar to Pharaoh's rebellion?
3. Discuss the pattern of compromise seen in Pharaoh's responses. How does compromise hinder spiritual growth, and in what ways do people compromise with God in their lives today? Can you share personal experiences where compromise hindered your spiritual journey?
4. How do you explain the distinction between the plagues affecting the Egyptians and sparing the Israelites? What message might this convey about God's protection and provision for His people?
5. Reflect on the idea that the Pharaoh in us might only turn to God in times of trouble. Have you experienced this in your life, and how can one cultivate a consistent relationship with God?
6. The concept of a hardened heart is a recurring theme in today's passage. How does a hardened heart affect an individual's ability to hear and respond to God?
7. How can we practically pursue full obedience, full submission, and full surrender in our daily lives? What obstacles might we face in trying to live this way?
8. What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on this week?