

## What is God Doing? > Exodus 5:10 – 6:1

**5:10-14** *Work harder!* Pharaoh believes that the Hebrews need their life of slavery to be harder. Their new task? To keep making the same number of bricks each day while having to come up with more of the raw materials themselves. To fail at this is to be physically beaten.

**5:15-21** *Stop being lazy!* The Hebrew foremen appeal directly to Pharaoh: doesn't he realize that he's asking the impossible? Yet Pharaoh offers no relief – the people will work and not be allowed to worship God. The Hebrew foremen blame Moses and Aaron for their problems.

**5:22-6:1** *God: what are you doing?* Moses comes to God with his frustrations: why hasn't the Lord rescued his people? In response, God tells Moses that he is still in control and that this entire situation is part of his plan.

**Background:** Moses and Aaron spoke to Pharaoh about God's plan, but did so in a way that only seemed to further cement the king of Egypt against God's people.

**The Point:** God is in charge even when we don't understand.

**Head:** Know that the Lord's care is greater than your present trials and troubles. He is still in charge – that's a great thing!

**Heart:** Believe that God's care for you is perfect in every way – and that Christ is the fullest and best example of that.

**Hands:** What will trusting God's plan in Christ look like for you today? Who will you help to look to the Lord this week?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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