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8:16-19 *Unique acts.* Unlike the previous two plagues, we find that this one cannot be duplicated by Pharaoh's magicians.

The Lord is showing His unique power over and above Pharaoh because He alone is the God of the universe.

8:20-24 *Unique words.* As the plagues progress, a further distinction appears: God's people will not always suffer on account of Pharaoh's rebellion and wickedness. The Lord has the power to distinguish between His people and the Egyptians and to limit and direct the effects of the plague.

8:25-32 *Common hardness.* Ultimately, despite clear and undeniable signs of God's power which is greater than Pharaoh's, the king of Egypt remains in his sin, he and his nation suffering on account of his rebellion.

The Point: But for the grace of God, each of us is every bit as sinful as Pharaoh and every bit as in need of the Savior. Praise God that Jesus Christ has given His heart in place of our sin-hardened one!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus – thank you for His heart toward sinners like us, rescuing us from ourselves and from the sinful world around us. Form us so that we would treasure Jesus and respond to Him in ongoing faith from this day until the wonderful day when He returns.

Application: Sin is worse than we think, yet God is better than we think. Do you trust Jesus? How will you live in response to Him? Who will you tell of this Savior?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
