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## **SERMON NOTES**

“When an Unstoppable Force Meets an Immovable Object”

Psalm 81

Exodus 5

**The Paradox of Incompatible Premises...**

**Who is the Lord?**

**No Straw for Bricks...**

*“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”*  
(Mark 13:9-11)

***“Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me?” (Exodus 5:22)***

*When we are staggered by the chilly winds of adversity and battered by the raging storms of disappointment and when through our folly and sin we stray into some destructive far country... we need to know that there is a Someone who loves us, cares for us, understands us, and will give us another chance.”*  
Martin Luther, King Jr.

**Moving the Immovable...**

*"Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country."  
(Exodus 6:1)*

*"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."  
(Matthew 17:20)*

*"Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do it with all thy might. After all, God is with us. It shows too much conceit to trust to ourselves, to be discouraged at what we ourselves can accomplish. It is lacking in faith in God to be discouraged. After all, we are going to proceed with his help. We offer him what we are going to do. If he wishes it to prosper, it will. We must depend solely on him."  
Dorothy Day*

*"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."  
(Matthew 16:18)*

## **Additional Notes:**

### **Questions for Further Reflection and Conversation...**

- **When have you encountered an “immovable” obstacle? What was it? What did you do?**
- **What causes you to become spiritually discouraged?**
- **Jesus seems to say that his followers WILL (not may) face oppositions in this life. How do you feel about that?**
- **What mountains are you facing?**
- **Have you ever experienced faith moving a mountain in your life?**
- **Do you have a mustard seed of faith?**