

Walk the (Covid-19) Wilderness with Moses, pt 4: On the Move Exodus 4:18-31

Go Time

To Egypt (Ex 4:18-28)

God's timing (19)

...the men seeking your life have died...

Is God waiting for something in you to die before deployment?

God sending does not guarantee a challenge-free path (21-23)

In His kindness, God warns Moses a second time.

A vexing problem: divine sovereignty and human will

Hardening the heart

Expressed 3 different ways.

- 1) God hardened Pharaoh's heart
- 2) Pharaoh hardened his own heart
- 3) Pharaoh's heart was hardened

Shades of meaning in these phrases.

- 1) "to be strong," ⇒ stubborn.

2) "to be heavy," ⇒ dull or unresponsive

3) "to be hard, severe," ⇒ obstinate.

Clarifications

"heart" implies volition over emotion

Hebrew thought does not consider secondary causes

In Egyptian thought, the heart-hardening shows God's power over Pharaoh and judgment of his heart as wanting.

God's warning to Pharaoh

Do we take God's warnings too lightly?

What draws one and hardens another.

Faith lived catalyzes worship (27-31)

What is happening in or around you that can only be explained by God's intervention?

Does God meeting your affliction drive you to worship?

Are you a skeptic, scoffer or surrenderer?