

4. In your opinion, why does Pharaoh not respond in obedience to the words of Moses after Aaron's staff swallowed up the other staffs?

5. Has there ever been a time that God showed himself to be overwhelmingly powerful but you continued to reject His direction for your life? If so, what was it?

6. If you have rejected His direction, write a prayer for forgiveness. If you have not, write a prayer of thanksgiving for the strength He has given you to be steadfast.



## *Exodus 7:1-13*

7 And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. <sup>2</sup> You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. <sup>3</sup> But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, <sup>4</sup> Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. <sup>5</sup> The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them. <sup>7</sup> Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. <sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, <sup>9</sup> "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'" <sup>10</sup> So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. <sup>11</sup> Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. <sup>12</sup> For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. <sup>13</sup> Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said

### *Day 1*

1. Read Exodus 7:1-13 and
  - a. Identify who is in this passage.
  - b. Observe what is taking place by writing notes in the margin.
  - c. Observe where the events are taking place.
  - E. Write any questions that come to mind in the margins.

### *Day 2*

1. Reread verse 1. The Hebrew construction of the verse does not have the word “like” in it. The literal Hebrew is “I have made you God to Pharaoh”. What does it mean that Moses is “God to Pharaoh”?
  
2. Sometimes we say things that are communicating a similar idea to what God says to Moses in verse 1. For example, we will say, “I am the only Bible some people will ever read”. In what ways are you being “made like God” to someone in your life? Is there someone that you are the only voice of truth that they have right now? Or someone that you are the only Christian that they have a relationship with?
  
3. Are there any behaviors in your life that are hindering you from being able to be someone’s “God” or someone’s “Bible”? If so, what are they?

4. Take time to write a prayer specifically for these people that don’t know Christ. Ask God to use you—to make you be someone’s Bible. Confess anything in your life that is holding you back from being used of God to these people. If you can’t identify someone, pray that God would bring you someone to be witnessing to.

### *Day 3*

1. Reread Exodus 7:8-13. Summarize the events of this passage in your own words.
  
2. Why would Pharaoh summon his own magicians to duplicate the miracle of turning the staff into a serpent?
  
3. How should Pharaoh be responding to the fact that Aaron’s staff swallowed the other staffs?