



## “The Talk”

Exodus 4:29-31 (NIV)

*Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites,<sup>30</sup> and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people,<sup>31</sup> and they believed. And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.*

Exodus 5:1-23 (NIV)

Exodus 6:9 (NIV)

*Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor.*

The Talk:

### A. Expect delays.

- Spiritual battles aren't won overnight. (John 12:24)
- God is working a plan in your life and that plan is going to almost always play out differently than you think. (Genesis 15:12-16)

### B. Expect to be misunderstood. (James 4:4)

### C. Expect trouble.

- Never expect that carrying out God's commands will increase our own comfort. (John 16:33)

In life; peace is possible, trouble is promised, and victory is certain.

- When the enemy takes your straw, remember it is a great time for your growth and His glory. (James 1:2-4)

### D. Expect amnesia.

Exodus 5:22-23 (NIV)

*Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? <sup>23</sup> Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”*

- Worldly opposition tends to breed spiritual amnesia. (Exodus 3:19-20)

Exodus 4:21 (NIV)

*The Lord said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.*

- Discouragement sets in when we read God through the lens of our current circumstances instead of his eternal promises.
- Stones of remembrance can be a powerful tool to combat spiritual amnesia.