

No Reserves - No Retreats - No Regrets

Exodus 6



William Borden graduated from HS Chicago in 1904 age 16

Family – One of most WEALTHY in USA at the Time

Graduation Present > William on TRIP Around WORLD

1894 Mom SAVED / JOINED Moody Church

& took WILLIAM > Saved

16 yr old World Traveler > Decided to become MISSIONARY to CHINA

Call narrowed to Muslim Kansu people in NORTHWEST China

Age 16 – Traveled World – Wrote 2 Words in Bible NO RESERVES

ALL that he had he would POUR OUT in Service of God > NOTHING LEFT

Enrolled in YALE Uni to Prepare himself – POPULAR, WELL-LIKED

Reached OUT to Classmates and Professors with GOSPEL

Reached to COMMUNITY of New Haven, CT > YALE HOPE MISSION

Started DAILY Prayer Mtg in DORM Room (he refused to join FRATERNITY)

By Bill Borden's SENIOR Year 1000 of Yale's 1,300 students Prayer Groups

UNI Grad – Offered Many LUCRATIVE JOBS – TURNED DOWN All

Enrolled in Princeton Theological Seminary – prepare for MISSIONS

Wrote 2 More Words in BIBLE > NO RETREATS

Continued FRUITFUL & FAITHFUL in his Biblical / Theological Studies

FINISHED Studies prepared to SAIL for CHINA

WAY Stopped in EGYPT – Study ARABIC & ISLAMICS – Samuel Zwemer

Contracted SPINAL MENINGITIS shortly after Arriving in Egypt

ONE MONTH after Arrival in EGYPT – 25 yr old William Borden DEAD

When FOUND Bible DISCOVERED 2 More words – NO REGRETS
 NO RESERVES – NO RETREATS – NO REGRETS – William Borden

AMERICAN Prince > PRINCE with GOD

TONIGHT – Go 3500 yrs BEFORE Mr. Borden > PRINCE of EGYPT – Moses
 CALLED by GOD of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob: Tell Pharaoh “Let my People Go!”

PRINCE is Fit and Trim 80 yr Old Man – Shepherd in Desert w/ Burning Bushes
 RESPONDS to CALL > If found his Bible his “R” word may be RELUCTANT

With every STEP FORWARD – seems to take 2 Steps BACK!

QUESTIONS become CHALLENGES sometimes ATTACKS against GOD

Last Week ALKESH led us in Great Study of chapter 5 – LISTEN ON LINE!

Chapter 6 BEGINS w/ GOD’S RESPONSE Moses’ Questions, FACE SLAP

Moses turned to the LORD and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.”
 Exodus 5.22,23

Exodus 6

But the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.” 2 God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.

7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.” 9 Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

10 So the LORD said to Moses, 11 “Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.” 12 But Moses said to the LORD, “Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?” 13 But the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 These are the heads of their fathers’ houses: the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the clans of Reuben. 15 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the clans of Simeon. 16 These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari, the years of the life of Levi being 137 years. 17 The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, by their clans. 18 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, the years of the life of Kohath being 133 years. 19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Levites according to their generations. 20 Amram took as his wife Jochebed his father’s sister, and she bore him Aaron and Moses, the years of the life of Amram being 137 years. 21 The sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri. 22 The sons of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri. 23 Aaron took as his wife Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab and the sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 24 The sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are the clans of the Korahites. 25 Eleazar, Aaron’s son, took as his wife one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites by their clans.

26 These are the Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said: “Bring out the people of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts.” 27 It was they who spoke

to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the people of Israel from Egypt, this Moses and this Aaron.

28 On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 the LORD said to Moses, “I am the LORD; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.” 30 But Moses said to the LORD, “Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to me?”

MOSES WONDERED Why God did NOT ACT – Faster or More Powerfully

Was this GOD of ISRAEL WEAKER than the Mighty Pharaoh of EGYPT?

CITIZENS of EGYPT were FREE, HAPPY, PROSPEROUS

PEOPLE of ISRAEL were CAPTIVE SLAVES > Overworked, Exhausted

2 God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners.

Moses had HEARD all this Many Times BEFORE!

FAMILY had lived in Egypt for 400 years > Nobody Remembered JOSEPH

Life in CANAAN Might have been SUPER! But this life HERE SUCKS!

What did God mean > NEVER Knew His NAME of YAHWEH?? REALLY?

Name occurs in GENESIS 100 times!

Had the NAME – Never SAW its MEANING and POWER like YOU Will Now!



Know GEORGE JETSON? Wife JANE, dau JUDY,
son ELROY, dog ASTRO?

Met Daily I was 7 1962 > Jetson’s live in FUTURE!

All kinds TECH GADGETS from Future! Including Telephone with TV Picture!

Knew JETSONS had such GREAT PHONE – NEVER DREAMED I Would!!

NOW I can Talk to My Granddaughter / son SEE THEM on my PHONE!

SURE that NAME YAHWEH been around for LONG TIME > Not Mean Much!

v. 1 But the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.”

1. No Reserves

GOD is going to DISPLAY his POWER > WITHHOLDING NOTHING!

CENTURIES Old Promises of COVENANT > Will NOW be FULFILLED

FIRST God wants them to KNOW HE NEVER LEFT!

v. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant.

READING Old Testament book as NEW COVENANT Christians...

Apostle Paul writes about Stories of Israel led by Moses and says...

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 1 Corinthians 10.11

NT describes Christian Life as a WALK – Sometimes Long, Hard, Surprising

BIBLE is More than a BLESS ME Book, GOD’s Name NOT SUGAR DADDY!

v. 5 God > I HEARD your Groaning – REMEMBERED, NEVER FORGOT

WONDER – Why did he NOT NUKE PHARAOH? Why this Long Suffering?

If we are PRINCES / PRINCESSES of God why Treated like PAUPERS??

It was indeed possible for God to overwhelm Pharaoh at once, by a single nod, so that he should fall down dead at the very sight of Moses; but...He...chose more clearly to lay open His power; for if Pharaoh had either voluntarily yielded, or had been overcome without effort, the glory of the victory would not have been so illustrious...God wished to accustom his servants in all ages to patience, lest they should faint in their minds, if He does not immediately answer their prayers, and at every moment, relieve them from their distresses. John Calvin

No Reserves > 7 Times GOD will DECLARE the words “I WILL”

6 Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and **I will** bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and **I will** deliver you from slavery to them, and **I will** redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 **I will** take you to be my people, and **I will** be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 **I will** bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. **I will** give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.’”

LORD is the GREAT I AM – Not I USED to Be – Gonna Be – Trying to Be!

‘Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

Jeremiah 32.17

God does NOT CHOOSE to Display His Sovereign Power at Every Moment

But WHEN He WILL – HE WILL – Nothing / No One can Resist His WILL

FOUR Basic Promises of SEVEN I WILLS...

LIBERATION

v. 6 ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them

REDEMPTION

v. 6 I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.

ADOPTION

v. 7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

POSSESSION

v. 8 I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession.

REST of EXODUS Unfolding Story of God's WILL – RESCUE, REDEEM

EXODUS Also STORY of ISRAEL'S "WE WON'T!"!!

v. 9 Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

People often have GOOD REASONS to DOUBT and DENY God

William Borden's FRIENDS and FAMILY could have Shaken FISTS at God!

Is that the kind of GOD you Are? Take Handsome Young Man in Prime of Life!

Rejected RICHES of World for RADICAL Call of Gospel for Muslims in China!

News of William Whiting Borden's Death Cabled back to U.S.

Story was carried by nearly every American Newspaper

"A wave of sorrow went round the world . . . Borden not only gave away his wealth, but himself, in a way so joyous and natural that it seemed a privilege rather than a sacrifice" Mary Taylor, in "Borden of Yale"

Many REASONS to REJECT Gospel > NONE GOOD ENOUGH!

REJECTING God > ONLY Life Line >> ONLY SAVIOR from Sin, Death, Hell

Either REMAIN Slave of PHAROAH or become SON of God in Promised Land

2. No Retreats

10 So the LORD said to Moses, 11 “Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.” 12 But Moses said to the LORD, “Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?” 13 But the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

Moses ready to RETREAT > JOIN WIMPY QUITTERS of Israel

COMPLAINS – AGAIN! – has “uncircumcised lips” – NO PPT PIC for That!!

Jesus preached HARD Words in John 6 – He is Bread of Life!

Unless you Eat My Flesh, Drink My Blood, No Life within You!

Most People were CONFUSED and CREEPED OUT and LEFT

NO RETREAT for Jesus > He SAID It and He MEANT IT!

Wondered if his Disciples were GONNA RETREAT??

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”
John 6.66-69

NO RETREAT for Peter – NO RETREAT for JESUS >> All the Way to CROSS
HOLY ONE of God MUST DIE to Make us HOLY and Acceptable to GOD

Moses Wanted to Quit – Threatened To! – by God’s Grace Pressed On, Finished!

Whether FINISH at 25 like BORDEN or 120 like MOSES > NO RETREAT

Jesus: “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”
Luke 9.62

v. 14 – 27 List of Names and their Stories > GENEALOGY

Shows Bible is HISTORICAL DOCUMENT – Not Myth, Real People/Places

NAMES Largely Unknown to Us – ANCESTORS of Faith – Blood of ISRAEL

PROOF that God is PROMISE KEEPER > LOOK Back at What he HAS DONE

What he DONE in Past He is ABLE to DO in FUTURE and FOREVER

PHARAOH likes MIGHTY – but he is JUST MAN – God is Lord of ALL MEN

Pharaoh BOUND by TIME – DIE like All Men – God IMMORTAL, ETERNAL

NO RETREAT for the ETERNAL PURPOSES AND PROMISES of GOD

Jesus...lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. John 17.1-8

3. No Regrets

GOD wants Moses to FINISH Well – KEEP His Covenant – Honor His WORD

God wants you to have NO REGRETS > Faithful, Fruitful, to the FINISH

After Genealogy – VIVID Reminder of Moses's Family / God's Faithfulness

God AGAIN EXTENDS Challenge to FOLLOW and OBEY...

28 On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 the LORD said to Moses, “I am the LORD; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.” 30 But Moses said to the LORD, “Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to me?”

NOTICE how many Times in Chapter 6 – God says “I AM THE LORD!”

HELLO! Moses! PHARAOAH is a CHUMP! I AM THE KING!!

WHO you GONNA FEAR and FOLLOW!!!??

Moses MORE QUESTIONS – More TMI – Too Much Info - uncircumcised lips

God of Mercy & Grace – Gonna Take Moses LIFE and LIPS – Do Great Things!
We KNOW He ended with NO REGRETS!

God will ANSWER Lots of Moses’ Questions with some FACE Time on SINAI

Moses will GROW in STRENGTH and CONFIDENCE > FINISH WELL

Even in NT we see MOSES on SINAI 2.0 --- Face Time with God in FLESH

Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Matthew 17.1-3

GOD because of His Great Love for Us has LEFT

No Reserves: GIVEN HIS SON Liberation, Redemption, Adoption, Possession

No Retreats - He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Romans 8.32

Will you FIND HIM – FOLLOW HIM – and FINISH LIFE in Him??

If you DO – You will have No Regrets > NOW or FOREVER!
