

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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Exodus 4:18-31

1. What happened in last week's Bible Study?
 - a. Moses began by asking God what to do if the elders of Israel don't believe him.
 - b. Moses argued with God even after God showed him signs and wonders.
 - c. God's anger burned against Moses, but he sent his brother Aaron with him in this task.

2. What happens in verses 18-20? _____

3. What does God tell Moses in verse 21?
 - a. "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do."
 - b. "...I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go."

4. Wait, did God really just say he was going to work against the purpose that he was supposedly sending Moses to Egypt for?
 - a. Did I read this wrong?
 - b. I'm sure that's not what he meant.
 - c. Maybe this was a misprint.
 - d. Yes! God is working a bigger plan. He is not JUST delivering Israel from Egypt, but he is also showing His people the extent of his power and his ability so that they will trust him in difficult circumstances in the future. If Pharaoh let them go the first time, we think God can only do easy things.

5. What happens in verses 24-26?
 - a. Wait, what?!?
 - b. God was trying to kill Moses.
 - c. Zipporah cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses's foot with it. Can we all agree that if we didn't already know about the covenant of circumcision, this would be literally the most bizarre text in the Bible?

6. Why do you think God was ready to kill Moses? _____

7. Is it possible that we are reading the same story twice, told two different ways or that some of these verses are a little out of order? _____

8. What might be the significance of the circumcision that Zipporah performed, given what we know about the covenant of circumcision? _____

9. Do you think God has ever been that close to killing you? _____

10. What is it that saved Moses and still saves us from this fate? _____
