WEEK 9 **WRUNG OUT**

**Family Discussion**

**Exodus 5**

Read Exodus 5 aloud.

1. What one word would you use to describe the tone of chapter 5? Why?
2. Moses obediently goes to Egypt to confront Pharaoh. What do you think Moses expected to happen? What is surprising about the outcome? What is unsurprising?
3. What tactic does Pharaoh employ to undermine Moses? Why is it effective?
4. What does Moses’ response to God in 5:22-23 reveal about his state of mind? About his faith?
5. Have you ever expected one thing from God only to get something more disappointing?
6. Why do you think God doesn’t just make our lives easier?
7. Are you ever tempted to give up when things get hard?
8. How can we lean on God when we feel like giving up?

**Closing**

How does this week’s text challenge the idea that our obedience obligates God to bless us and grant us an easy life? How does it challenge the idea that the Christian life is free from doubt?

How prone are you to discouragement when obedience to God does not yield an immediate, discernible blessing? What is a better motive for obedience than to gain a reward?

What attribute of God did you see in this week’s passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

**Prayer/Praise Journal**

If you haven’t already, take the time to start a family Prayer/Praise Journal.

Review the prayers and praises that you have written down in your pray/praise journal. Celebrate the praises and recommit to praying for things not yet answered.

Write down any new prayer requests or praises your family may have. Routinely review and pray the prayer requests and praises written in the journal.