

Freedom from a: *Role Reversal*
Exodus 11:1-10

- i. 2 examples of role reversal: one from children's poetry and one from real life.
- ii. Freedom today means don't be a Pharaoh.
- iii. Even though there is a little bit of Pharaoh in all of us.

WE CAN ALL AVOID A TERRIBLE ROLE REVERSAL BY FOLLOWING THESE THREE STEPS ...

I. STAY SOFT TO OTHERS ...

- a. Slow down the anxiety.
- b. Stay engaged with one another by:
 - i. Listen to one another's story (Ex 11:2-3).
 - ii. Ask many *good* questions
 - iii. Arrogant people do not ask questions because they know it all.
 - iv. Humble people ask lots of questions because there is always more to learn.
 - v. There is more to a person's story than what we think we know.
- c. Be tender with one another

II. STAY SOFT TO GOD ...

- i. If we are open to the other, we are open to God.
- ii. If we are closed to the other then our hearts are hardened and closed to God.
 - a. God gave the Pharaoh 10 opportunities to listen before he releases Pharaoh by allowing Pharaoh to live with his choices.
 - b. A series of little choices becomes the state of one's heart toward God.

III. BE VERY CAREFUL OF "TOMORROW" ...

- a. After the second plague of the frogs, Pharaoh said to Moses, you can go "tomorrow!" (8:10).
- b. Don't be a Pharaoh!
- c. Here are a few ways that "tomorrow" surfaces in our lives today:
 - i. Arrogance
 - ii. Deism
 - iii. Atheism
 - iv. Agnosticism
 - v. Unchecked Patriotism
 - vi. Pantheism
 - vii. Skepticism
 - viii. Scarcity
 - ix. Cynicism