

Out of My Way

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**The Divine Game Plan: God Predicts
Israel's Deliverance (6:1-8)**

Many believers believe in God's sovereignty theologically, but practically they are emotional train wrecks! They have not worked this truth down deep into their hearts.

Tony Merida

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

No one has ever seen God, but the One and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.

**The Captain's Doubt: Moses
Questions God's Power (6:9-12)**

Optimism is often dashed by suffering, especially ongoing suffering. Faith is often diminished by hardship because emotions play a powerful part in most human thinking.

Douglas Stuart

If you're struggling to obey God, you don't need more willpower. You need to know God more.

Tim Chester

Interlude: The Official Roster (6:13–27)

**Divine Reinforcements: Aaron
Becomes the Dual Threat (7:1–7)**

What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all!

For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

For Scripture says to Pharaoh: “I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display My power in you and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”

*Therefore God has mercy on whom He wants to have mercy,
and He hardens whom He wants to harden.*

What if God, although choosing to show His wrath and make His power known, bore with great patience the objects of His wrath — prepared for destruction?

What if He did this to make the riches of His glory known to the objects of His mercy, whom He prepared in advance for glory —

even us, whom He also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

Sometimes it is said that God hardens Pharaoh's heart, as here. Sometimes Pharaoh is said to harden his own heart (Exodus 8:15). Sometimes the position is described neutrally, by saying that Pharaoh's heart was hardened (Exodus 7:13). To [Moses], God was the first cause of everything, without in any sense denying the reality, and moral responsibility, of the human agent involved.

R. Alan Cole

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

C.S. Lewis

Courage does not mean getting our emotions in order so that we can enter fearful places lightly. It means doing what God has asked us to do regardless of the butterflies in our stomach.

Tom Julien

**Playbook Execution: Let
the Contest Begin (7:8–13)**

God's sovereignty shouldn't primarily make me feel insignificant. It makes me feel confident.

When you're wondering what God is doing, when you doubt His kindness, when you're struggling to trust Him, when life gets harder rather than better, look to the wooden cross and the empty tomb. See how God keeps His promises.

Tim Chester

When God reveals himself and His promises, only fools resist Him.