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MOSES: LEADER ON THE EDGE OF DESPAIR - LIFE APPLICATION

EXODUS 5, and 6:1-8

LAUNCH

What is the best movie you've seen in which the hero had to overcome incredible odds? What made it so memorable?

How did the hero react when faced with adversity?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

Read Exodus 5:6–9. For the people of God, things seem to get worse before they get better. How have you seen this happen in your life?

Read Exodus 5:22–23. Everyone wrestles with doubt and discouragement from time to time, especially when the pressure is on. What experience in your life or situation in the world has caused you to question your faith? How did you deal with this?

Have there been times you tried to bargain with God or “do good things,” trying to force Him to do what you want? What did you learn through that experience?

Read Exodus 6:2–8. In the midst of their battle, God reminded Moses and the people of His promises. What promises of God mean the most to you right now?

(examples: Matthew 11:28–29; Philippians 4:19; John 14:27; Romans 8:37–39; Romans 10:9)

APPLICATION

Spend time praying for family and church as they/we go through a difficult time of loss and bereavement following Alison's loss

Pray that God would comfort in the short term but also re-envision for the long term

Pray that we would constantly be reminded of our hope in Christ and God's promises for our future and 'promised land' in eternity

Ref: Northshore church study notes – some questions amended