

May 22—May 28

22 Sunday	23 Monday College-age members meet at 6 p.m.	24 Tuesday	25 Wednesday Bible class tonight. 5:15-Eat 5:45-Study	26 Thursday	27 Friday	28 Saturday
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No birthdays and no anniversaries this week.
Stacy Ruckman has a birthday on the 30th.

May 15, 2022
Contribution: \$2,290.00
Attendance: 35

Campus minister: **Caleb Hughes**
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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

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Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



Why is the grass always greener on the other side? Probably because of Sean's never-ending and watchful care of the yard!

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Not A Hoof Left Behind

Robert F. Turner

Exodus 7—12. records the efforts of God through Moses to persuade the Pharaoh of Egypt to release the children of Israel from bondage. As that bondage is often used to typify sin, and Satan's hold on us, a better understanding of that ancient struggle could assist us today.

Pharaoh's heart was stubborn, and the plagues of blood, frogs and lice did not move him, but when the flies came Pharaoh offered his first compromise. "**Go ye, sacrifice to your god in the land** — do it here, no need to leave this land. When Moses refused such a suicidal attempt, Pharaoh offered his second compromise. "**Go, only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me**". God removed the plague of flies, only to have Pharaoh harden his heart and refuse to let the people go. So, the cattle murrain, boils, and hail came, and the threat of locusts. Then came the third effort at compromise. "**Go now ye that are men,**" leaving your women, children, and the flocks behind. Neither Pharaoh nor Satan let go without a struggle, but Moses stood firm, so the locusts came; and after that the darkness. Now Pharaoh tries one more compromise. "**Go ye, serve Jehovah; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed.**" Take all to serve God, except your material possessions. Perhaps he knew their hearts would remain with the possessions — or perhaps he sought to deprive them of that which they would need to successfully carry out their new venture. Whatever: we are doomed to failure if we think we can serve God acceptably while leaving anything we control in Satan's hands.

But Moses accepted no compromise. "NOT A HOOF SHALL BE LEFT BEHIND!"

We must live in the world, but our citizenship is elsewhere. In making the transfer of allegiance, when we determined to give up the world and give ourselves to the Lord, we should then have determined that "Not a hoof shall be left behind." We should know that Satan will do all possible to convince us that we can serve God "in Egypt" or "just a little way out" or compromising for the sake of family or possessions. It won't work that way. Give Satan a hoof, and he will take leg, loin, chuck roast and all.

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Owning your feelings is empowering.

When we're caught up in strong emotions, it's natural to want to deflect them away from ourselves. You might dwell on the idea that your partner has "*made you*" feel a certain way. You place the blame on them, putting yourself in a passive role. You're at the mercy of the people and circumstances around you. You can see how this mindset can be rather disheartening. On the other hand, owning your feelings takes you from passive – to empowered. You can't control the words or actions of your spouse, or even the feelings they stir up in you. You *can* control how you manage and respond to them. Focusing on what's within your control means you're not stuck dwelling in negative emotions. You have a say in your own happiness and satisfaction! From: Prepare/Enrich, April 20, 2022