



**STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**  
The Book of Joshua

## Week 3: Stuck in Egypt

While they are living in Egypt, Joseph and his families' descendants grow into a large nation. Future kings forget the special place Joseph was given for his people and they end up slaves to the Egyptians.



### READ

#### **Exodus 2:23-25**

*During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.*

#### **James 1:22**

*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*



### REFLECT

What do the people do when they are enslaved in Egypt?

How does God respond?

Do you know how God acts to save the Israelites? (Keep reading Exodus if you don't!)

How does James encourage Christians to respond to tough times?

We know that through Jesus we can have confidence in both God hearing our prayers and that God has given us eternal life. When do you find this most encouraging?



### PRAY

Give thanks that God hears the prayers of his people. Pray that we will continue trust God and know that eternal life is a gift from Him. Pray this will be a comfort in particular when things are tough.