

Skit - Pharaoh and Moses Go To A Conflict Counselor

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Conflict Counselor

So what brings you two in today?

Pharaoh

Honestly, things have been pretty rough.

Conflict Counselor

Moses, would you say that's true?

Moses

I'd say it's been rough but it doesn't have to be anymore.

Pharaoh

I just don't understand, you really don't want to be my slaves anymore?

Moses

No, we don't.

Conflict Counselor

Pharaoh, what does it feel like to hear Moses say he and his people don't want to be your slaves anymore?

Pharaoh

You know, it really hurts. I feel like we've done some beautiful things together. I mean, we couldn't have built these pyramids if you weren't our slaves. And those pyramids wouldn't be a wonder of the world for years to come if it wasn't for what we built together.

Moses

But now it's time for us to go.

Pharaoh

But I think there's so much more we could still be and do together. We could keep building wonders of the world. We could build a Great Wall or a Hanging Gardens. We could build a Great Library. There's a site in Alexandria that I think would be perfect for a Great Library.

Moses

But me and my people don't want to do those things. We want to go to our homeland of Israel

Pharaoh

Ugh. This homeland. Always with this homeland. You think life's going to be so much better in this magical homeland? Well, I doubt it.

Moses

It's got to be better than this.

Conflict Counselor

Moses, what happens for you when Pharaoh disregards your wish to go to Israel?

Moses

It's more what happens to him. G-d's going to keep plaguing him and his people.

Pharaoh

It's the worst. First the water turned to blood. Then there were frogs and locusts. And so many other things. So many things.

Moses

And yet you keep resisting what He's telling you, which is that our relationship is over.

Conflict Counselor

Why do you keep resisting, Pharaoh?

Pharaoh

My heart, it just feels hardened.

Conflict Counselor

Why do you think that is?

Pharaoh

Well, I think I saw Moses's relatives Jacob and Joseph getting along so well with my Dad, the previous Pharaoh, all those years, and honestly, I feel jealous. Like, why can't I have that with the Jews, too?

Conflict Counselor

And yet, you have the exact opposite.

Pharaoh

It's true.

Conflict Counselor

Sometimes the best way to love someone is to let them go, Pharaoh.

Moses

This is your last chance. You saw what G-d just did to the first born.

Conflict Counselor

So what will you do, Pharaoh, will you let Moses and his people go?

Pharaoh

OK, Fine, fine, whatever, fine, OK, sure.

Conflict Counselor

That didn't sound very sure.

Pharaoh

I'm sure. I am. I'm sure. Just go. Just go.

Conflict Counselor

And you won't change your mind?

Pharaoh

As of this moment. As of this moment, I can promise I won't change my mind.

Conflict Counselor

Moses, what would happen if Pharaoh changes his mind again?

Moses

I don't know. But I don't think he wants to find out.

Pharaoh

So this concludes our counseling?

Conflict Counselor

I guess it does. If you think this is a real sea change for you, Pharaoh. Do you agree, Pharaoh, that this a real sea change for you?

Pharaoh

I believe it is.

Conflict Counselor

Do you agree, Moses?

Moses

We'll see what happens to the sea.