**Moses  Sides 1**

Pharaoh -  (*In disgust)* Moses.

Moses – Pharaoh.

(They Stand face to face)

Pharaoh –  ( turning to audience) I hear you backstage talking to these people about my disobedience to God, like I am the bad guy when it was you who started this in the first place!   This is all your fault, you and your unfair God!

Moses – My fault?

Pharaoh – (*angry*) Yes, your fault!!!  We clothed you! We fed you! We raised you up to be a mighty ruler in our land, and how do you thank us?   You turned your back on us for those filthy slaves! Not only did you betray us, but you ruined our economy, and our way of life. You completely destroyed my empire.

Moses – I understand how you feel, really I do…but I serve the most High God.  The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.  It is He who called me to Help the Hebrew people.  It is He who raised me up to lead them to the Promised Land.  Pharaoh it was God who raised you up, for such a time as this, so that He could display His awesome power.  He is a sovereign God, and He wanted to use you, to show His people that He could humble even the most stubborn rulers of this world. God sets up kingdoms, and He tears them down!  God has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pharaoh – (*angry*) Moses how could you be so evil?  My people gave you everything….your life, your identity, the very man you are today!

Moses – (*angry*) Pharaoh, you were holding people against their own will as slaves!  Do you think that is what God intended for His people?

Pharaoh – Enough!

Erica – Ok, ok, hold on just a second…A lot just happened and I think we need to make sure we let our audience in on what exactly is going on.   Pharaoh, why didn’t you want to let God’s people go?

Pharaoh – They were growing so large in number. I feared one day that they would grow so powerful, they would rebel and overthrow us.  I had to subdue them, and force them to be MY slaves.  There was no greater power, no greater empire than my kingdom….I wanted the Hebrew people to know they belonged to me!

Erica – I guess God had other plans, huh?  You eventually gave into His request.

Pharaoh - I was just blindsided by Moses and His God.

Moses – Pharaoh my God wanted things to end quickly but you repeatedly attempted to deceive him by not being a man of your word.

Pharaoh – Nonsense!  I did what I had to do, for my kingdom.  Your God had no right to interfere with my plans….

Moses – (Yelling ) Who are you to question GOD??? The Lord is a sovereign GOD, He can do whatever to whomever He wants, and who would even dare try and stop HIM???  Besides, My God gave you a fair warning and plenty of opportunities to repent and give back what rightly belonged to him.    You deceived Him on more than one occasion, you mocked his ability to overthrow you….He had no more patience for your antics.

Pharaoh – (*With Great Anger*) Moses I should have slayed you when I had the chance.  You are an ungrateful, worthless, scoundrel…. I’m not some insane delusional person MOSES !!!!  You pop up out of nowhere telling me about a GOD whom I’ve never heard of before….. He didn’t formally introduce himself…  Had He come to me personally, and made his request I would have gladly bargained with Him….  But instead He uses the man my family raised as their own to destroy us….  (Turns to audience) Does that sound like a fair and righteous God to you??? You said out of your own mouth God hardened my heart to make me disobey…. How can he then destroy me for simply doing what I was created to do???   You see Moses these are the reasons I hate you and your God…. These are the reasons why if it weren’t for these guards standing between us I would choke the life out of you and watch you die right where you stand…..

Moses – Bargain???  See it is that kind of arrogance that got you killed Pharaoh…. You cannot bargain with the God who created you!!! Who do you think you are ??? The Lord is all knowing, He already knew in your stubbornness of heart that you would never obey…. So The Lord only magnified the hardness that already existed in your heart Pharoah…. How can you blame me for your unwillingness to heed to the commands of the Most High.  If you would have just listened to me….

Pharaoh – Listen to you? I would never listen to a traitor!

Moses – and that is why you and your people suffered a great death at the hands of my God!  God will never be defeated no matter how much you tried to change that!

Pharaoh – (*attempts to choke Moses*) In the name of the gods of Egypt, Moses I curse you!  You and your God will never be greater than me!  Never!  I curse you Moses…I curse you!!!!