



# DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL

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## Discovering God's Will, Pt. 5

### God's Power in the Plagues and Passover

Exodus 7-12:30

- Plagues and Purposes

Stage 1: God's Presence

1. Blood → God's power over life
2. Frogs → God's power over goddess Heqet
3. Gnats → God's power over the magicians

Stage 2: God's Providence

4. Flies → only on Egyptians
5. Livestock → gods can't protect wealth
6. Boils → gods can't protect health

Stage 3: God's Power

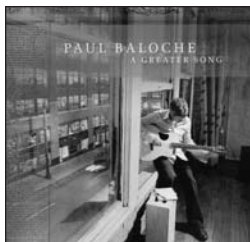
7. Hail → God controls the weather
8. Locust → tell the next generation
9. Darkness → God controls the Heavens

Culmination: Now it's Personal

10. First born → God's power over life

- Passover → shines with Power and points to Christ

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## Sing A Greater Song!

This Sunday, pick up a copy of Paul Baloche's ***A Greater Song***--an album featuring several songs currently being used in HFBC's worship services. Let these songs be a part of your private worship times during the week, as well--in the car, at home, or wherever. Our times of corporate worship as a church body will be that much sweeter as we come together after a week of rich private worship! *A Greater Song* is available for just \$10 in the Garden Bookstore, as well as in the CLC Lobby and outside the Fellowship Center and Chapel.

## Ready To Get In The Game?

Visit [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) and click on the "Get in the Game" button shown here. You'll be taken to a listing of over 130 opportunities to volunteer! Scan the whole list, or jump straight to a ministry that interests you. Then, complete and submit a brief online form and a team leader will contact you soon!



While every team is taking volunteers, here are some of our particular needs right now. Look for these online or contact the team leader below for more information.

- 1. Summer Kick-off Party (Recreation).** On May 30, the Children's & Recreation Ministries are partnering together to help our Kindergarten through 5th grade students kick-off the summer with a party! And we need your help! Volunteers will help with registration and preparation. If you love hanging with kids, playing games, eating food and having lots of fun, this is for you! As an added bonus, all volunteers will receive a free 2-week membership to the Christian Life Center! (Becky Kiser; [becky.kiser@hfbc.org](mailto:becky.kiser@hfbc.org); 713.957.6702)
- 2. Connection Center Team (Missions).** Volunteers will be paired with those interested in becoming members of our church. At the conclusion of the worship hour you attend, you will hear the story of their journey of coming to know Christ and how He has led them to become a part of our church. If any other spiritual decision or need is apparent like becoming a Christian or getting baptized, you will assist them also. (Jerrold Altic; [jerrell.altic@hfbc.org](mailto:jerrell.altic@hfbc.org); 713.335.6450)
- 3. Frontline Team (Garden Bookstore).** Volunteers will help bookstore customers choose and purchase resources, gifts and cards. Training in customer service, product knowledge and use of the Point of Sale system is provided. (Geni Hulsey; [geni.hulsey@hfbc.org](mailto:geni.hulsey@hfbc.org); 713.957.6730)
- 4. First Touch Greeters: Worship Venues (Ministries).** Volunteers will serve at the entrances to the temporary worship venues by handing out the worship guides, as well as welcoming everyone who comes in. Commitment can be for every Sunday or every other Sunday. (Becky Murphy; [2talltexans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2talltexans@sbcglobal.net); 281.859.9098)
- 5. Enrichment Team (Married Young Adults).** Volunteers will focus on encouraging, equipping, and empowering the couples of HFBC to thrive in their marriages. By planning and organizing quarterly marriage enrichment events and helping shape and focus our semi-annual marriage retreat, the Enrichment Team impacts the marriages at HFBC and beyond. (Eric Reed; [eric.reed@hfbc.org](mailto:eric.reed@hfbc.org); 713.957.7680)