



Personal Parsha: Pharoah VaAyra

In this week's Torah reading, Pharoah makes a conscious effort to ignore the awesome display of power that God brings to Egypt via Moshe and Aaron. Right after the plague of blood, in Chapter 7 verse 23 we are told that Pharoah "turned away and went into his house and did not pay attention to" – literally "place his heart" – to this plague.

What must Pharoah be thinking at this point?

A little curiosity about the Jews' God? A little fear for what lies ahead? A little respect for Moshe and Aharon?

But no! Inside he goes, so as not to be effected by all of this. He is stubborn and knows he might be influenced, so he puts up a wall!

Have you ever watched someone refuse to be inspired, humbled, changed?

Why are we so stubborn? What is an example of a time this past week when YOU could have been more open to a new feeling or thought? Why weren't you? Why wasn't Pharoah?
Discuss...

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