

Sermon Notes

Sermon Series

Essentials

Sermon Title

God Moments 4 | 20

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Exodus 3:1-10

1. _____ Living

Exodus 3:1 "Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law..." (NIV)

Hebrews 11:24-26 "By faith, Moses, when grown, refused the privileges of the Egyptian royal house. He chose a hard life with God's people rather than an opportunistic soft life of sin with the oppressors. He valued suffering in the Messiah's camp far greater than Egyptian wealth because he was looking ahead, anticipating the payoff." (Message)

Exodus 2:21 "Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses." (NKJV)

2. God's _____

Exodus 3: 2-4 "Suddenly, the angel of the LORD appeared to him as a blazing fire in a bush. Moses was amazed because the bush was engulfed in flames, but it didn't burn up. 'Amazing!' Moses said to himself. 'Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go over to see this.' When the LORD saw that he had caught Moses' attention, God called to him from the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' 'Here I am!' Moses replied." (NLT)

- 1-Safe
- 2-Intervention
- 3-Response
- 4-Refocusing

 *"All you need is 20 seconds of insane courage and I promise you something great will come out of it"*

3. Proper _____

Exodus 3:5 "'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'" (NIV)

4. _____ Moment

Exodus 3:10 "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." (NIV)

Romans 11:29 "...for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." (NIV)



*Don't do it to get done, do it to grow.
Focus on those Q's that produce fruitful discussion.*

You have read what is probably some pretty familiar territory in this week's reading.

Hollywood aside, **what evidence did you find for Moses being any kind of favored prince in Egypt?**

Take a look at some people from the reading and a trait that they demonstrated:

1. the Hebrew midwives' **courage**... (Ex. 1:15-21)
2. Jochabed's **resolve and resourcefulness**... (Ex. 2:1-10; 6:20 [Moses' mom])
3. Moses' **fear**... (Ex. 3:11; 4:1,10; 6:12, 30)
4. Aaron's **humility** and **willingness to serve**... (Ex. 4:14-17, 27-31)
5. Israel's **complacency** and **lack of trust**... (Ex. 6:9; 13:17; 14:12)
6. Pharaoh's **stubbornness**... (7:14; 13:15 etc.)

To which of these traits can you most easily relate?

How are the negative ones overcome and the positive ones replicated?

Is there any indication given to us to why each person or persons mentioned might have had the trait they showed?

Which of them showed signs that they had changed?

A related theory to #6:

The Hebrew people throughout their history are characterized as a stubborn people - no less than 30 times by various prophets in the Old Testament.

Is there any chance that in their 430 year captivity that they began to take on the personality attitudes of their captor?

Romans 2:5 Even Paul challenges this trait.

What do you think is the biggest downside to stubbornness?

How is stubbornness overcome?

A common question that arises when reading this section goes like this: *"How could Pharaoh's sorcerers turn their staffs into serpents with their secret arts?"*

(Ex. 8-13 and the magicians did similarly with plagues 1 & 2) Maybe a better question is to ask: **Why did God have Moses turn his staff into a serpent?**



READING for this coming week...

For the Feb 5th sermon

	Week 5	DAY			
M	<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Jan 30	<u>10 Commandments</u>	Exodus 19:1-20:21
T	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Jan 31	<u>The Golden Calf</u>	Exodus 32:1-34:35
W	<input type="checkbox"/>	23	Feb 1	<u>Joshua Succeeds Moses</u>	Joshua 1:1-18
T	<input type="checkbox"/>	24	Feb 2	<u>Crossing the Jordan</u>	Joshua 3:1-4:24
F	<input type="checkbox"/>	25	Feb 3	<u>Fall of Jericho</u>	Joshua 5:13-6:27