

An Epic Calling Demands a Radical Faith

EXODUS 3:1-15

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I. Moses _____ and listened to the Lord.

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." vv. 1-4

II. Moses _____ and revered the holiness of the Lord.

Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. vv. 5-6

III. But Moses _____ his adequacy for such a calling from the Lord.

... But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ... vv. 7-15

Two of the most important questions in your life:

Who does God say I am?

Who does God say He is?

Principles from God's Response to Moses' Questions

Our _____ is not found in ourselves.

Identify the ways you search for your strength and value from our own self-esteem instead of what God says about you.

Replace your "self-talk" with God's Word.

God is all-sufficient, all-powerful and also graciously _____ with His people.

Identify the ways you minimize or compartmentalize God in your daily life.

Remember and trust in His character, and take the next step of obedience.



DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 3. How did Moses react upon learning he was in the presence of God? Why did he react this way, even though he had never met God before?
2. The Lord revealed what He intended to do about Israel's suffering, and Moses' part in the plan. What objections did Moses raise?
3. How did God respond to the false humility of Moses' "Who am I? I'm nobody!" statement? How did God deal with Moses' second objection?
4. Do you think the events in Exodus 2:14-15 made Moses reluctant to respond to God's call? Why or why not? How do you use your own past failures as excuses for not doing what God has commanded?
5. When have you tried to be adequate in your own strength for a task the Lord gave you, instead of relying on Him? What was the result, and what did you learn from it?
6. What do you learn about Moses from this chapter? About God? How can you apply these things to your own life right now?
7. How would you personally answer the two questions in the box on the sermon notes? Why are these questions (and answers) so important?
8. What excuses are you making for not doing what God has called you to do? How has He provided the resources that you need? Pray about this, asking for the resources and for the faith to trust God in the task.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Compare Moses' call by God to other calls in ...

- 1 Samuel 3:1-21; 9:27—10:8
- Isaiah 6:1-13
- Jeremiah 1:4-19
- Ezekiel 1:1—3:11
- Matthew 4:18-22
- Acts 9:1-9

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

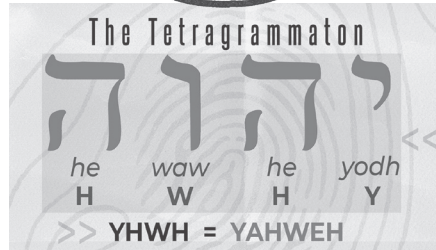
1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

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"Be comfortable with God's plan. Take it the way He gives it to you. Accept His arrangement. Don't tinker with this and mess with that or think that by throwing an Aaron into the mix you'll improve things and make the plan more effective. Take the hard road rather than the easier, compromise road. In the end, you'll bless the Lord again and again that you did. As I wrestled with the content of this chapter, I kept asking myself, 'What does it mean to be willing? What does it mean to give up that old, mule-headed stubbornness and start yielding to the Lord's voice?' As I pondered those questions, I came across a prayer that says it all and says it well.

Lord, I am willing.

I am willing to receive what You give.

I am willing to lack what You withhold.

I am willing to relinquish what You take.

I am willing to suffer what You require.

That's how to curb our tendency to resist. That's how to shed that uncomfortable mule suit and run like a deer. Don't keep yanking on those loose strings of your life, thinking your own plan is best. Bring the whole tangled knot to Him. Bring Him your failures, your false starts, and your well-intentioned crusades that landed you on the backside of a lonely desert. Let Him sort through the details of your life, and give you fresh direction. No one unties knots like the Lord."

CHARLES SWINDOLL

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

EASTER AT CHRIST CHAPEL Jesus is alive, and we can't wait to celebrate with you during Easter weekend! Join us for worship services at all our locations on Saturday, April 19, and Sunday, April 20. It will be a beautiful celebration of hope, victory and new life! Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/easter for service times, locations and all the details about our Holy Week events. RSVP today and let us know if you'll be attending and if you're inviting a friend to join us!

REACH FURTHER THIS EASTER As you leave today, pick up an Inviter Card and pray over who you can invite to join us for this special celebration. Easter is about the hope and victory found in Jesus Christ, and by inviting someone, you're sharing the gospel! Extend an invitation, RSVP and continue praying with us that more lives will be changed by Jesus this Easter season.

BE A PART OF AN AUTHENTIC PASSOVER EXPERIENCE, and join us, along with David Teitelbaum, D.O., as he leads us through Seder, the ceremonial beginning to Passover. We hope to see you there! We'll gather in The Oak Room on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m., and if you would like to learn more, please visit www.cccofamily.org/seder.

TENEBRAE which means "the darkening," is a moving Good Friday service recounting Jesus' life and death through music and communion. Join us on Friday, April 18, at 6 or 7:30 p.m. as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Please note that due to the dramatic nature of the service, we recommend children ages ten and under not attend. Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/tenebrae.

EASTER LILIES This Easter, we invite you to honor someone who has deeply impacted your faith or to remember a loved one. Dedicate an Easter lily in their name, and it will be displayed on Easter morning as a beautiful tribute. To dedicate a lily, simply visit www.ccbcfamily.org/lilies. Let's celebrate the season by honoring those who have made a lasting impact on our faith.

FOCAL POINT Masculinity today often faces challenges, but God's Word reminds us of our true purpose as men. Rooted in Jesus, masculinity becomes a powerful gift to those around us. Join us this April for Focal Point — an event where men will explore faith, resilience and following God. Sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/focalpoint.



IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE The process is quick and easy—scan the QR Code to start.