

When God Calls Exodus 3 – 4

When God Calls Introduction

- The Book of Genesis ends with Joseph and his brothers, all the sons of Jacob and their families, settling in Egypt.
- The Book of Exodus begins at that point.

- Exodus 1:8-14 The Egyptians oppress the Israelites.
- Exodus 1:15-22 Pharaoh orders male children killed.
- Exodus 2:1-22 The early life of Moses

When God Calls Outline

- 2:23-25 God hears the cries of Israel
- 3:1-6 The Burning Bush
- 3:7 – 4:17 Dialogue between Moses and God
- 4:18-20 Moses goes back to Egypt

When God Called Moses

- God was looking at the big picture. (2:23-25)
- God was the one taking the initiative. (3:1-4)
- God was fulfilling a big plan. (3:7-10)
- God promised to go with him. (3:12)
- God promised to empower him for task ahead. (4:2-9)
- God knew exactly who he was calling and to what. (4:11-12)
- God was not willing to take “No” for an answer. (4:13-14)

- Moses had already given up on himself. (Acts 7:23-25)
- Moses was not seeking God’s call. (3:1)
- Moses first responded with fear. (3:6)
- Moses was mostly looking at himself, rather than looking at God, God’s plan or God’s power. (3:13, 4:1, 4:10)
- Moses had zero confidence in his own abilities.
- Moses almost refused to go. (4:13)
- Moses eventually obeyed – and the rest is history. (4:18-20)

Moses is a lot like us.

When God Calls Us

- We may have already given up on ourselves.
 - We may not be seeking God's call.
 - We may first respond with fear.
 - We may be tempted to look at ourselves, rather than looking at God, God's plan or God's power.
 - We may have zero confidence in our own abilities.
 - We may want to refuse that calling.
 - We need to obey – and the rest will be history.
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- God will be looking at the big picture.
 - God will be the one taking the initiative.
 - God will be fulfilling a big plan.
 - God promises to go with us. (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5)
 - God promises to empower us for task ahead. (Acts 1:8)
 - God knows exactly who he is calling and to what.
 - God does not typically like to take "No" for an answer.

When God Calls Conclusions

- God may even be calling out to you at this time.
 - What is he asking you to do?
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- Something related to work, career or vocation?
 - Something related to school, education or training?
 - Some kind of service to others?
 - Something church or ministry related?
 - Something that you thought you were going to do, say, 40 years ago, but somehow it never quite happened?
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- For Moses it meant leading God's people out from their bondage to Pharaoh.
 - That meant going back to Egypt.
 - He had to get up and start walking in that direction.
 - Whatever God is asking of us, we need to be ready to take the next step.
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- Obedience usually involves action.
 - How will you respond?
 - Or – How are you responding?