

SAVED TO SERVE

Exodus 3:1-10

A. God calls us OUT of the WORLD.

- God draws Moses away from DISTRACTION through the presence of Christ.
- God patiently prepares us to hear Him through HUMBLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

B. God calls us into RELATIONSHIP.

- Moses begins with an understanding that he is not WORTHY.
- We know that our COVENANT-keeping God will save us.

C. Our relationship has PURPOSE: Salvation for us, and SERVING others.

- God sends Moses, to bring HIS CHILDREN out of Egypt.
- God is doing it all, and yet He chooses to SEND MOSES.

How should we respond?

1. Am I giving God my FULL ATTENTION?
2. How do I maintain my RELATIONSHIP with Jesus in my day-to-day living?
3. How has God PREPARED me, and where should I SERVE Him?



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Moses spent 40 years in Egypt as a prince and then 40 years in the wilderness tending his father-in-law's sheep. Each of us is uniquely made (Psalm 139:13-16), formed and prepared by God. How have you seen God prepare you? (Phil 4:11-13) Have those times been more "prince" or "wilderness"? What made them feel that way?
2. After preparing Moses, God called to him through a miraculous sight. "Pride and Distraction" can be roadblocks to the call of God. (1 John 2:15-16, Proverbs 16:18, 1 Peter 5:6-7) As you examine your life, where do you see pride blocking your vision of Jesus? What is distracting you from hearing God? Where do you need to "take off your shoes" and step away from sin, into Holy Ground?
3. Both testaments speak of this personage called the "angel of the LORD", as we see referenced in Exodus 3:2-6, and elsewhere as the "angel of the Presence" or the "angel, or messenger, of the Covenant". The way he is described sets him apart from all the other angels. There are various interpretations on whether this is pre-incarnate Christ. Why do you think this is or is not? Consider these additional passages as well: Gen 16:10-13, Gen 18:1, Gen 22:12-15, Exodus 23:20-23, John 8:58.
4. God called Moses out of the wilderness and into covenant relationship with Him. (Gen 15:5-18) What does it mean that God has a "covenant relationship" with His people? How does that affect you and me? (Hebrews 7:18-22, Matthew 26:27-28)
5. Exodus 2:23-25 and Exodus 3:8-9 are "bookends" to the calling of Moses. What do we see God doing in these passages? The Hebrews were in slavery for 400 years. As you consider this, how do we then relate to God's timing in rescuing His people? (2 Peter 3:8-9, Psalm 90:4, James 5:7-11) When do you struggle most with remembering God is in control?
6. How do you answer the questions:
 - a. Am I giving God my full attention? And what is distracting me?
 - b. How should I maintain my relationship with Jesus in my day-to-day living?
 - c. How has God prepared me, and where should I serve Him?

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