

(Exodus 3)
“A Break Through In Faith”

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: “Understanding My Calling”
 - (Exodus 3:1-22) NKJV

~ INTRO ~

OK... IN (Exodus)...

- We learn how God's redemption story...
 - Moves out of (Genesis) and into the next phase.
- We learned that 70-people (Israel)...
 - Turned into 2-million people +/-

AND TODAY...

- We see that God had prepared a man – Moses – for 40-years...
 - And the Lord commissions him in this chapter.

CAN I ENCOURAGE YOU WITH THIS!?!

- No matter how long you have walked with the Lord...
 - Please understand... God still has work for you to do.

HERE'S A FEW THINGS WE CAN LEARN:

IDEA #1 – HEARING GOD'S VOICE: (vv.1-5)

I LOVE THIS ABOUT GOD!

- No one is too old OR too young to be used by God.
 - The question is will I walk by faith!?!

NOW...

- You may struggle to recognize God's voice at first.
 - But that's not problem!
 - You're not the first one.

EXAMPLE:

(1 Sam. 3:4-10) NKJV

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- (v.4) At 12-yrs old God called to Samuel at an unexpected time.
- (v.6) God called a second time.
- (v.8) The Lord called a third time.
- (v.10) The fourth time Samuel knew how to answer.

HERE’S THE POINT....

- Learning to hear God’s voice take practice.
 - It’s just like a baby learning it’s parents voice.

(James 1:6) NKJV

SO...

- What type of response should I have...
 - When I hear the voice of God?

LET’S LEARN FROM THE BIBLE.

- Isaiah the prophet heard God’s voice after his sin was forgiven...
 - And this was his response (Isa. 6:8) NKJV
 - *“Here I am ! Send me.”*

THREE BASIC CALLS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:

- 1) *Salvation* (John 3:16-17) NKJV
 - Offered to anyone who would accept it.
- 2) *Sanctification* (set apart) (Acts 26:18) NKJV
 - To be sanctified means God’s Word has had an effect on you.
- 3) *Service* (Rom. 12:1) NKJV
 - A life of service is the right response to the grace you received.

MOSES – responded to God

SAMUEL – responded to God

ISAIAH – responded to God

PAUL – responded to God

AND YOU’RE TO RESPOND TO GOD!

IDEA #2 – LEARNING GOD’S HEART: (vv.6-10)

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(v.6) *I am the God of your fathers*

(v.7) *I have seen the oppression of my people / I know their sorrows*

(v.8) *I have come to deliver them*

(v.9) *I hear their cry*

GOD’S HEART IS FOR HIS PEOPLE...

- So... He selects and sends a human instrument to help.

BUT MOSES (v.11)...

- Started doubting and making excuses as to why he was not the guy!

IN (Ps. 32:8-9) NKJV...

- King David wrote...
 - God will instruct us and teach us in the way we should go.

I DON’T BLAME MOSES FOR HIS INITIAL RESPONSE!

- I had the same dreadful fear before planting this church.
 - Back in (April 2011) God made (Ps. 32:8-9) personal...
 - To instruct my mind & lead my heart.
 - And to keep me back from running away.

BUT...

- This does NOT mean there will be an absence of fear!
 - Rather... we learn that **FAITH** triumphs over fear...
 - As I trust in the living God.

TONIGHT...

- Maybe this is what you need... to take action with...
 - Problems in your marriage
 - Selecting a spouse
 - Choosing a school
 - Finding a new job / career
 - Parenting your kids
 - Serving in the church
 - Dealing with extended family
 - Getting over depression

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- Or moving beyond addiction

WHATEVER THE SITUATION...

- God tells us...
 - (Jer. 33:3) NKJV
 - (Ps. 119:18) NKJV

IDEA #3 – DOING GOD’S WILL: (vv.11-22)

CAN WE RECOGNIZE...

- That God does NOT reject honest questions – (v.13).
 - He wants us to speak freely.
- But He also does NOT accept lame excuses – (v.11).

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CHURCH...

- Is to make disciples & appoint leaders.
 - Not perfect people...
 - But people making progress.

PAUL SAID IT THIS WAY...

- (2 Tim. 2:1-2) NKJV

~ IN CLOSING ~

IF YOU NEED PRAYER TONIGHT...

- Please take a step of faith and visit with one of the pastors down front.