

(Exodus 4)
“A Break Through In Faith”

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **“Preparing For Ministry”**
 - (Exodus 4:1-31) NKJV

~ INTRO ~

LAST WEEK...

- We broke into the story of Moses' life in the desert.
 - Where he spent 40-years as a shepherd...
 - Until God got his attention with a strange fire.
 - (Literally a brush fire that keep burning).

AND... WE DISCOVERED...

- The importance of learning to hear God's voice for ourself.
 - Becoming familiar with how He speaks to us (Word).
 - How He leads us – (opportunity).

THEN WE FINISHED OUR STUDY...

- By recognizing that God welcomes honest questions...
 - But He does not delight in lame excuses...
 - And we will see a little more of this tonight.

OK... GOING DEEPER WITH GOD... CAN BE SCARY!

- Because our human mind often thinks in terms of limitations...
 - And not of abundance.

THIS IS WHY ANYTHING DONE FOR GOD...

- Has to be done by faith in God.

THE BIBLE SAYS...

- (Eph. 3:20) NKJV

POINT BEING...

- As we learn to see the person of God...
 - And the power of God...
 - We release our self to walking by faith... (Rom. 10:17).

HERE'S A FEW THINGS WE CAN LEARN:

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MAIN IDEA – HINDERANCES TO MY CALLING:

Doubt / excuses / unbelief / pride

- All of these are obstacles that hinder obedience to God’s calling.

MOSES WRESTLED WITH GOD FIVE TIMES:

1. (Ex. 3:11) NLT... MOSES’ 1st PROTEST...

- But God said I will be with you.

WE LEARN...

- The will of God will never lead us...
 - Where the power of God cannot keep us!
 - (Matt 28:20-b) NKJV

2. (Ex. 3:13) NLT... MOSES’ 2nd PROTEST...

- But God told him what to say.

WE LEARN...

- The calling of God comes with the word of God.
 - Jesus said abide in Me and My word in you.
 - (John 15:5) NKJV

3. (Ex. 4:1) NLT... MOSES’ 3rd PROTEST...

- God gave two miracles proofs (staff to snake & leprous hand / healed)

WE LEARN...

- The calling of God comes with the works of God.
 - (John 14:12) NLT

4. (Ex. 4:10) NLT... MOSES’ EXCUSES...

- God provided truth about His power (I made your mouth)

WE LEARN...

- The calling of God comes with the power of God.
 - (Acts 1:8) NKJV

FINALLY...

5. (Ex. 4:13) NLT... MOSES’ LAST ATTEMPT TO RESIST...

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- God became angry when Moses refused...
 - To recognize the evidence He provided.

WE LEARN...

- Jesus has all authority in heaven & on earth...
 - (Matt 28:18-b) NKJV

YEARS AGO...

- There was a popular phrase in the church...
 - *If God isn't Lord of all, He isn't Lord at all.*

HERE'S THE DEAL...

- In His anger... God appointed Aaron to be the spokesperson for Moses...
 - But we know that Aaron wasn't always helpful.

REMEMBER...

- It was Aaron who made the golden calf (Ex. 32:4) NLT.
 - This all happened after...
 - The miraculous escape out of Egypt
 - Red Sea crossing
 - Manna in the desert
 - And water from the rock

ALSO...

- It was Aaron & his sister Miriam that became critical of Moses...
 - And God got mad (Num. 12:1-11).

~ IN CLOSING ~

WE'RE TO WALK BY FAITH...

- In His promises!
- God chooses the assignment...
 - God chooses the timing...
 - And God chooses the person.

QUESTION IS = Are you willing to respond?

IF YOU NEED PRAYER TONIGHT...

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