

The Reluctant Leader

Exodus 3:1-4:16

Big Idea:

Success does not depend on the one who is called but the One who calls.

God calls

- the defeated
- the ordinary
- the scared
- the weak
- the resistant

God is YHWH-the fire that needs no fuel.

Getting Started: Where and when have you had your most unusual, meaningful, or significant encounter with God?

Digging In: Read Exodus 3:1-4:16. Why does God appear in the burning bush? What is the effect on Moses? What does God ask Moses to do? Why? What objections does Moses raise? How do they sound to you: a) legitimate concerns, b) overwhelming fear, c) lack of faith, d) sad excuses, e) other? What kind of reassurances does God give Moses? How does the name "I AM" uniquely identify God? What does it say about who will be the ultimate liberator of Israel from Egypt? How do these verses help you understand how Jesus takes the name and its implication for himself: Jn 6:35, 48; 8:12; 9:5; 10:7, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5? What do you think of the miraculous signs God gave Moses? Why did He give them? Did they help?

Living It Out: Have you ever sensed God calling you to a particular task? How did you answer the call? What would it take to get your attention, commitment, and trust to accept a new mission in life? How have you seen God use you in spite of your limitations? What concerns do you have about following His call in Your life? What would God say to those concerns?

Reading Plan

For March 28 – April 30

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 Exodus 1:1-22	29 Exodus 2:1-25	30 Exodus 3:1-22	31 Exodus 4:1-31	1 Exodus 5:1-23	2 Psalm 136:1- 26
3	4 Exodus 6:1-30	5 Exodus 7:1-25	6 Exodus 8:1-32	7 Exodus 9:1-35	8 Exodus 10:1-29	9 Exodus 12:1-51
10	11 Exodus 13:1-22	12 Exodus 14:1- 31	13 Exodus 15:1-27	14 Exodus 16:1-36	15 Exodus 17:1-16	16 Exodus 18:1-25
17	18 Psalm 22:1-31	19 Psalm 16:1-11	20 Psalms 110; 69	21 Psalms 55; 61	22 Psalms 72; 45	23 Psalm 40:1-17
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