

SAVIOR WHO CALLS US

Exodus 3:1-10 (December 8, 2024)

see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” **4** When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” **5** “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” **6** Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. **7** The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. **8** So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. **9** And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. **10** So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

FOUR TRUTHS IN GOD’S CALLING US

1. GOD INITIATES THE ENCOUNTER.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you...

2. GOD IS HOLY.

Isaiah 6:3 And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

3. WHEN WE ARE CALLED BY GOD, WE NEED TO RESPOND TO HIM.

Exodus 4:4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”

4. WHEN WE STAND BEFORE HOLY GOD, WE MUST TAKE OFF OUR SANDALS.

(1) PURITY OF HEART – righteous lifestyle (1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.)

(2) CONCENTRATION OF HEART – passionate service (Romans 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.)

I. THE REASONS WHY WE ARE HESITANT TO SAY “YES” WHEN WE ARE CALLED BY GOD

1. WE LOOK AT OUR PAST FAILURES.

Exodus 3:10-11 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

2. WE FOCUS ON THE LACK OF OUR OWN ABILITY.

Exodus 4:10 But Moses pleaded with the LORD, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.” (NLT)

3. WE THINK LIGHTLY OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

Exodus 4:24-25 On the way to Egypt, at a place where Moses and his family had stopped for the night, the LORD confronted him and was about to kill him. But Moses’ wife, Zipporah, took a flint knife and circumcised her son. She touched his feet with the foreskin and said, “Now you are a bridegroom of blood to me.”

II. GOD’S ANTIDOTE TO OUR RELUCTANCE IN RESPONSE TO HIM

1. GOD’S ANTIDOTE TO OUR PAST FAILURES IS THE REVELATION OF HIS NAME.

Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

2. GOD’S ANTIDOTE TO OUR LACK OF ABILITY IS HIS PRESENCE WITH US.

Exodus 4:11-12 Then the LORD asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.”

3. GOD’S ANTIDOTE TO OUR DISOBEDIENCE IS HIS CHASTISEMENT IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Exodus 4:26 (When she said “a bridegroom of blood,” she was referring to the circumcision.) After that, the LORD left him alone.

Hebrews 12:6 For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.

APPLICATION:

Ephesians 4:16 From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Our love is real when we do our part with passion to fulfill the mission of the body of Christ!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What brought you closer to God in your life? (People, incidents, occasions, events, experiences, etc.)
2. What are some of the excuses people make when they hesitate to say “yes” to God? What is (was) your excuse?
3. What are some of the things in our life that lure (stimulate) us to take God’s calling lightly (seriously) when we follow Jesus Christ? What are the reasons Christians often choose to obey God in their own way rather than following His instructions?
4. What do you think your part is in your church life? What keeps you from doing that part? Or what motivates/energizes you to do that part?
5. (Personal application) What is my next step to be a useful and helpful part in the body of Christ to become more like Christ?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
