

## GOD'S ANTIDOTES TO OUR HESITATION

Exodus 3:11-22 (December 15, 2024)

and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" **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.'" **15** God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob - has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation. **16** "Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers - the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. **17** And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites - a land flowing with milk and honey.' **18** "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.' **19** But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. **20** So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. **21** "And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. **22** Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

### I. FOUR TRUTHS IN GOD'S CALLING US

1. God initiates the encounter.
2. God is holy.
3. When we are called by God, we need to respond to Him.
4. When we stand before holy God, we must take off our sandals (Not my will but Your will be done!)

### II. THE REASONS WHY WE ARE HESITANT TO SAY "YES" WHEN WE ARE CALLED BY GOD

1. We look at our past failures.
2. We focus on the lack of our own ability.
3. We think lightly of the seriousness of our obedience to God.

### III. 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.'"

**John 8:58** Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!"

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."

- (1) His Power - He is the Creator
- (2) His Provision - He will be with us as we serve (minister)
- (3) His Wisdom - He will instruct us what to do (what to say)

3. GOD'S ANTIDOTE TO OUR DISOBEDIENCE IS HIS COVENANT AND DISCIPLINE.

**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.

- (1) Connection: The whole body, joined and held together
- (2) Growth: Grows and builds itself up (in love)
- (3) Ministry (Service): 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 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?
2. Talk about discipleship process at MBF in connection to 5 values to glorify God. And what is the mission of our church?
3. 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.

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