

SERIES	Exodus
BIBLE	3:1-4:31
TITLE	#2: The God Who Calls
OVERVIEW	<p>The book of Exodus is a story. A story about the rescue of God's people from the hands of the oppressors. It is a story of humans and spiritual forces coming in contact with the real God and finding out who is REALLY in charge.</p> <p>In our text today God calls Moses but He largely does so by identifying who HE is rather than what Moses is to do.</p>
SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN	<p>The Backstory: The people of God are waiting for God to come and God first shows up not in Egypt but he calls out in the wilderness!</p> <p>God Speaks in the Unexpected! (Ex. 3:1-6) Moses is out in the wilderness, watching over his flock (just like the shepherds in Luke 2) and he notices a bush burning but not being consumed.</p> <p>Out of this unexpected vision, God calls out to him.</p> <p>We cannot only look for God to show up in our expected areas of life. God commonly communicates not in the seen but in the unseen, unexpected ways.</p> <p>He does this through identifying who He is! V.6 - I AM.</p> <p>The story of Exodus moves forward in this call.</p> <p>God Calls us into His Vision (Ex. 3:7-12) God acknowledges that he has seen the affliction of His people. He says, "I know their sufferings." God knows us and our lives. He sees our sufferings.</p> <p>V.8 - "I have come to deliver them..."</p> <p>In this call God begins to help Moses see that he is being called into this vision of deliverance.</p> <p>When we open up our lives to hear from God in the unexpected, we begin to identify His vision for our lives.</p> <p>God Calls us into Uncomfortable Places (Ex. 3:13-22) God calls Moses not back into the palace of comfort that he was raised in but calls him into the uncomfortable place of calling Pharaoh out!</p> <p>In this call God again re-identifies who He is - VV.14-15.</p> <p>The story moves forward in God's identity calling Moses into a place of risk to trust Him.</p> <p>God's call for you is not reliant on who you are but on Who HE is!</p>
GOSPEL	<p>Luke 2 - The one who has come - the light in the darkness calling out is Jesus. Jesus calls us to trust Him and that He will work through us! Phil. 2:12-13</p>

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

NEXTSTEPS