

## THE CALL OF MOSES

### Exodus 3:2-6

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. Life is full of routine.
  - 1. When routine gets broken, something big has happened.
  - 2. Sometimes, routine breaks the monotony and makes life interesting.
  - 3. But sometimes, breaks in routine can be life-changing!
- B. Moses – A Familiar Story.
  - 1. 40 years in Egypt.
    - a. Trained in the ways of the most powerful kingdom – Egypt.
    - b. Instruction received from his mother about the King of heaven.
  - 2. He tried and failed to redeem God’s people on his own, 2:11-14; Acts 7:25.
  - 3. Forty years as a shepherd in his father-in-law’s family business, Acts 7:30.
    - a. 40 years living the monotonous life of a shepherd.
  - 4. God invaded his monotonous life, breaking His silence.
  - 5. Life was never the same for Moses.
    - a. An encounter with god.
    - b. Changed everything.

#### I. GOD SPOKE.

- A. Moses’ Recorded Life-Changing Events.
  - 1. Moses was keeping the flock, Ex. 3:1.
    - a. Happy to do this work for the rest of his life.
    - b. Content with his sheep.
  - 2. When coming close to Mt. Horeb (the mountain of God), Ex. 3:2-3.
  - 3. God makes Himself known to Moses, Ex. 3:4-6.
    - a. Impossible to know how Moses felt.
    - b. We are left to tremble and hide our faces along with Moses, 3:6.
  - 4. The ground was holy, Ex. 3:5.
    - a. Sandals came off and God spoke.
    - b. Moses is forced to behold God.
    - c. God’s glorious, holy, and terrifying presence changed everything for Moses as it does for us.
- B. God’s Description of Himself.
  - 1. God had seen the affliction of His people, 3:7-9.
  - 2. He was the same God who was with the patriarchs, 3:6.
  - 3. “I Am Who I Am,” 3:14.
    - a. Moses to the people, “I am has sent me to you.”
    - b. In the English language we want the sentence to be completed.
      - i. “I Am... (what or who?).”
    - c. God’s response simply, “I Am Who I Am.”
  - 4. God is not anything other than Himself.
    - a. He is “one,” Deut. 6:4.
      - i. “The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!”
    - b. All that is in God is God.
    - c. He is not composed of parts.
    - d. There is nothing we can take from God to make Him less than He is, and nothing we can add to God to make Him more than He is.
    - e. He is simply and majestically the I AM. The source of everything.
    - f. He is the reason for everything.
    - g. Everything is from Him, by Him, and for Him, Rom. 11:36.

## **II. MOSES STRUGGLED.**

- A. Moses' Stubborn Reaction.
  - 1. Not, "speak Lord for Thy servant hears" 1 Sam. 3:10.
  - 2. Moses pushes against the Almighty.
    - a. "Who am I?" 3:11
    - a. "Who are you?" 3:13
    - c. "What can I do?" 4:10
  - 3. The answer should have been, "Here am I, send me" Isa. 6:8.
  - 4. Moses struggled against God and His call, just as we do.
- B. God Has Spoken.
  - 1. He has spoken to us in His Word [complete], 2 Tim. 3:16.
    - a. As we read His Word we must recognize His authority.
    - b. He continues to speak to us through His Word.
    - c. Hebrews 4:12-13 – living and active...
  - 2. The "living Word" is connected to us as we read.
    - a. We will be judged by the things written, John 12:48.
    - b. Passing centuries are irrelevant – God has spoken.
  - 3. We must listen as Moses had to listen.

## **III. GOD CALLS TODAY.**

- A. He Continues His Call.
  - 1. Paul described it this way, 2 Thess. 2:14.
  - 2. Therefore, the Word must be preached, 2 Tim. 4:1-2.
  - 3. The Scriptures "are able to give you wisdom that leads to salvation," 2 Tim. 3:15.
  - 4. Without faith it is impossible to be saved, Heb. 11:6.
  - 5. Faith comes from hearing and hearing by the Word of God, Rom. 10:17.
  - 6. Christians have been born again because they have heard, believed, received, and submitted to the Word.
- B. But We Continue to Struggle Against God.
  - 1. "Has God really said?" Gen. 3:1
  - 2. "We shall not surely die" 3:4.
  - 3. We want to be like God rather than what God made us to be, 3:5.
  - 4. We resist and refuse God's call.
  - 5. Why refuse the Lord's invitation? Mt. 11:28

## **CLOSING**

- A. Answering the Call.
  - 1. Moses submitted to God and led the Israelites out of bondage.
  - 2. Bondage and redemption is repeated throughout the Bible until Jesus comes as both Lawgiver and Redeemer.
  - 3. Jesus is ruler and judge over us.
  - 4. He is the redeemer. The one to whom we must submit.
- B. We must Obey.
  - 1. Hebrews 3:7-11, Today, if you hear His voice..."
  - 2. Share it with others, Mt. 28:19-20