The Shaping of a Servant

Exodus 3-4

Throughout history God has used men and women to serve in His great purpose of redemption. But one thing is certain, God’s heroes and heroines don’t always fit our mold of success. In His infinite wisdom God allows failure, fear and much faltering to shape His most useful servants.

After murdering an Egyptian, Moses ran away into the land of Midian. There he married Zipporah and became a shepherd. What a contrast between Moses’ life as an Egyptian prince and son of Pharaoh’s daughter, and his life as a lowly shepherd. This week’s lesson will reveal how God shapes His servant in an inconspicuous place at an unexpected time.

This week’s memory verse- 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.’” Exodus 3:14

Day 1 read Exodus 3.

Imagine that you are Moses on the mountain of God. Describe what you think he may have been thinking and feeling. (3:1-6)?

How does God establish His identity to Moses in vv.5-6?

Why do you think this was an important revelation for Moses at the beginning of God’s call on his life?

What motivates God to act on behalf of his people (7-9)?

Summarize God’s plan to deliver His people. (v.10)
How does Moses respond to God’s assignment, and why (3:11-13)?

What reassurance does God give Moses (3:12-22)?

**Day 2 read Exodus 4.** How does God deal with Moses fears and feelings of inadequacies? Describe the three miraculous signs and an assurance about his deficiency of speech. (4:1-14)?

In 4:13-14, we see God’s anger. In light of Moses’ mission, why might it have been important for Moses to remember that God’s anger toward rebellion is part of His character?

In 4:15-31 Moses obeys God and returns to Egypt. What does he neglect to do in his family life (vv.24-26)? Why was this important? See Genesis 17:9-14

Why is integrity/obedience in personal matters important to God for those who are called to serve Him?

How do the events in 4:27-31 confirm the Lord’s promises to Moses?
Making it Personal!

Has there been a time when you have used your inadequacies to resist God's call to serve Him?

I Am that I AM! This signifies the real being of God, his self-existence, and that he is the Being of beings; as also it denotes his eternity and immutability, and his constancy and faithfulness in fulfilling his promises, for it includes all time, past, present, and to come; and the sense is, not only I am what I am at present, but I am what I have been, and I am what I shall be, and shall be what I am. John Gill

How should knowing God in His eternal power and unchangeable character effect the life of every child of God? How does it affect you?

What attribute of God have you learned in this week's study? How does this encourage you in the face of seemingly impossible demands?

Take time today to praise God for who He is. Trust Him to shape you into a servant that will go or do whatever He asks relying on the faithfulness of His character.

Review your memory verse and be ready to share it with your group.