

# EXODUS: GOD'S WAY FORWARD

## When God Calls Your Name

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup>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." (Exodus 3:1-4)

**God has a mission with your name on it**

- It starts with Jesus and it is for Jesus

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18)

- It's Jesus' Great Commission

<sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19,20)

- It's pictured in Moses

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. . . .

<sup>9</sup>And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." (Exodus 3:7-10)

## Our usual question: **\_Who\_ \_am\_ I?**

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” (Exodus 3:11)

## God's timeless response: It's **\_who\_ \_I\_ \_am\_**

<sup>14</sup>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)

## When it gets painfully personal:

- **My \_credibility\_**

<sup>1</sup>Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you?’” <sup>2</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied. (Exodus 4:1,2)

- **My \_capability\_**

<sup>10</sup>Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.” (Exodus 4:10)

## When we hit God's bottom line:

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. **Please send someone else.**”

<sup>14</sup>Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses . . . (Exodus 13,14a)