

A note from Kathy

My pastor, Craig Groeschel, shared a thought with us last week that I find very helpful. He said, "Outcome is God's responsibility-Obedience is ours." We often want to dictate the outcome. We believe we have a great plan, but God is doing things we cannot see. He has a plan that started before time began and is continuing on today. He graciously allows us to have a part in all he is doing. Pray before starting these two chapters; ask God to help you see his plan for your next step of obedience.

Observation

1. What ordinary task is Moses undertaking in Exodus 3:1? This is a long way from the palace in Egypt.
2. How did the LORD appear to him? What was the unusual circumstance? What was so unusual about it?
3. God required reverence when Moses approached, and told him to take off his shoes, for the place he was standing was _____. Exodus 3:5
4. God declared himself to Moses, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." What was Moses' response to being in God's presence?
5. God wanted Moses to know that he was aware of the Israelites sufferings. From Exodus 3:7-8, make a list of all God was saying to Moses. First, circle the verbs; this will help you make your list.
6. The Lord revealed what He intended to do about Israel's suffering and Moses' part in that plan. What objections did Moses raise? Exodus 3:11; 3:13
7. What did God say concerning Moses' objections? Exodus 3:12

8. God clearly laid out the events that would take place. Exodus 3:16-22
Moses seemed to be overcome by a bad case of the “what if’s”. Exodus 4:1. Even though Moses had shown hesitancy and did not immediately say, “Yes, Lord I’ll go,” God knew his heart. God was willing to display his power in and through Moses. What were the two signs that God displayed for Moses that day? Exodus 4:2-5; Exodus 4:6-7
9. As if those two miraculous signs weren’t enough, what was the third sign God told Moses he would perform?
10. Moses is still struggling with his feelings of personal weakness and fear in Exodus 4:10. What is God’s promise to him in Exodus 4:12?
11. The Lord sent Aaron to join Moses. Moses shared everything God had told him to say; they gathered the elders of Israel and told them what God was about to do. How did the elders respond? Exodus 4:31
12. How do you respond knowing God hears and cares about you? Does it cause you to worship?
Worship means a sense of great love and devotion expressed. To adore; to pay divine honors to; to reverence.

Application

1. Have you experienced something similar to Moses? You are going about your normal life when God calls you to participate with him in His work. It is an amazing thing to know that God desires to use us for his plans and purposes.
Aren’t you glad that God is not like the professional sports recruiters or business executives? They seek those with extreme talents and abilities; they only want the cream of the crop. Read 1 Cor. 1:26-29; who does God delight in using?
The Message, 1 Cor. 1:26-29 Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don't see many of "the brightest and the best" among you, not many influential, not many from high-society families. Isn't it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks, exploits and abuses? He chose these "nobodies" to expose the hollow pretensions of the "somebodies". That makes it quite clear that none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God.
2. God used a burning bush to get Moses’ attention. What did God use to get your attention and develop a relationship with you?

3. Considering Moses grew up in the palace, the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter, how important was it that he understood who was speaking to him? How many gods would he have been told about growing up under Egyptian teachers? Are you helping others see that there is only One True God and He is worth knowing?
4. Moses still had a few objections, even after God had shown him two very amazing signs. Do you struggle with doubts and reservations about God being able to use you?
5. What did you do the last time you felt inadequate to say yes to God's call?
6. Our God made us for his purpose. Romans 8:28-29 reminds us that in all things God is at work for his plan and his purpose. What is God's plan and purpose for you today?
7. In Exodus 3:12 God says to Moses "I will be with you." This sounds very much like the words of Jesus to his disciples in Matthew 28:19-20. How important is it that we know and remember this truth?
8. I'm sure most of us can relate to Moses in Exodus 4:13. Have you ever asked God to choose someone else, maybe not aloud but in your heart?
9. This study of Exodus is full of the reaffirming truth that God is trustworthy, regardless of the events as seen from our vantage point. Are there things going on around you that are distracting you from focusing on God's faithfulness and love for you? Oh my precious friend, do not let this happen!
10. Those of you who know me know I love lists; that being said, write a list of 3 ways you would like to be of help to those you come in contact with this week, either physically, emotionally, spiritually, or financially. Now use that list to voice a prayer asking God to give you opportunities, strength, and His blessing to do them in His name.