

“Moses: God’s First Round Draft Pick”

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Exodus 3-4, Unlocking the Old Testament

A well known story from the Old Testament is the call of Moses. Moses was called by God to lead God’s people out of slavery in Egypt and go toward the promise land. On paper Moses would not have been the most qualified person, but after some encouragement and equipping from the Lord, Moses fulfilled his God given call.

1. It is easy to look at the story of Moses and criticize his failures, but I think we need to first realize the enormity of the task which God was calling Moses to be involved. Read Exodus 1-4.

- a. In what situation did the Israelites find themselves?

- b. What was it that God was calling Moses to do?

- c. Why would it have been normal and rational for Moses to be afraid?

2. One of the main points of the message is that God doesn’t require someone to be the most qualified in order to use him or her (in fact God usually doesn’t seek the most qualified individual.)

- a. What were some of Moses’ short comings?

- b. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. What does Paul say about the qualifications of other leaders?

- c. What does Paul say about his own qualifications (1 Cor 15:8-11)?

- d. What are some of the advantages of God calling people who aren’t the most qualified initially?

3. Have you ever had a time where you were being called to do something but didn’t feel qualified for the task? What was the result?

4. Moses had a lot of questions to God regarding his call to this task. What do you notice about the way God answers those questions?

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5. How did God promise to see Moses through this calling? What signs or confirmation does God give to Moses to instill Moses’ trust?

6. God doesn’t send Moses out alone but he puts him on a team with Aaron. What qualities does Aaron bring to the team? What does God’s provision of Aaron teach us about the way in which God brings His team together?

7. One question I often like to ask is one that I got from Rick Warren, “if you could accomplish anything for God’s purposes and you knew you wouldn’t fail what would it be?”
 - a. What would you answer to the above question? (Make sure it is something that would be actually possible to achieve.)

 - b. What would be natural (and even rational) excuses for why you shouldn’t participate in the above project?

 - c. What would God’s responses be to your excuses?