

The **Call** of God
The **Response**
of the Faithful

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Exodus 3:1-12, 4:10-13
The Call Beyond Your Skills and Into Your Passion

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them" (Exodus 3:7-8)

"The passions of your heart will be met by the presence of the living God. God will be with you as he was with Moses."

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He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." (Exodus 3:12)

"Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." (Exodus 4:12)

Opportunities to bring our passions together . . .
Ministry Fair – November 2nd
Missions Fair – November 9th

"Sent to Follow"

John Gregg shared about how being a part of Small Groups has been instrumental in meeting his spiritual needs.

Do you know someone who needs to be in a Small Group?
Is there some way you or your group can be instrumental in meeting this need?

Share your story – giving evidence of God's promises

Share stories with one another of times when you cried out to God and he used someone to deliver you from darkness or loneliness.

Read Exodus 3:1-12 and 4:10-13

3:1 – What was Moses doing when God came to him?

3:7 – What does this tell us about God?

Recap the elements of Moses' story that give evidence of his passion and set him up to be called by God for the task of delivering the Israelites.

Do you believe the pattern of call and response we see in Moses is typical and therefore can be applied to our lives?

Apply It

God came to Moses when he was at work.

To what extent do you expect God to show up when you are at work?

What would it look like to consider your place of work as holy ground?

God called Moses because of his passion rather than his skill.

What are you passionate about? (What is important to you? What needs make your emotions flare up?)

What are the circumstances or events in your story that have built this passion or give evidence of it?

Does this passion have a connection to your work or how you choose to spend your time? If not, consider how you might find a connection.

In what ways are you partnering with God so that these passions are used to deliver people? Are there ways you could team up with others who have similar passions?

Are you are having trouble defining your passions or knowing how God might use them? Explore ideas with your group. Consider how you might partner with others at church to try out some things.

In what ways are you making excuses to God; telling him you can't do something because you don't have the skills for it? (Reread Exodus 4:10-14 and continue on with verses 14-17. What do you notice about Moses response to God and then God's response back to Moses?)

Pray It! Live It! - "Connectional Prayer"

After the sermon at the 9:15 worship service, Kevin asked us to picture a person who we know is in need. (If you did not get an opportunity to participate in this prayer please take a few moments of silence now.)

Who did you picture? Assume you are the only one God has given the eyes to see this need. How might God be calling you to be a part of delivering this person from darkness or loneliness?

Continue to pray for the people God has brought to your mind. Listen for ways you are being called to respond.

Is there anyone in your group who is crying out to God and seeking to be delivered? Pray for this person. Because you have been called together as a group you can assume God has called you to be instruments in delivering this person. What tangible things can you do?