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God Calls Moses (Exodus 2-3)

Although Moses was a Hebrew, he was raised in Egypt’s royal family as the grandson of Pharaoh. His revulsion to injustice erupted into a lethal attack on an Egyptian man he found beating a Hebrew worker. This act came to Pharaoh’s attention, so Moses fled for safety and became a shepherd in Midian, a region several hundred miles east of Egypt on the other side of the Sinai Peninsula.

We do not know exactly how long he lived there, but during that time he married and had a son. In addition, two important things happened.

The Pharaoh in Egypt died, and the Lord heard the cry of his oppressed people and remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Exodus 2:23-25).

This act of remembering did not mean that God had forgotten about his people. It signaled that he was about to act on their behalf.[1] For that, he would call Moses.

God’s call to Moses came while Moses was at work. The account of how this happened comprises six elements that form a pattern evident in the lives of other leaders and prophets in the Bible.

It is therefore instructive for us to examine this call to ministry and to consider its implications for us today, especially in the context of our work.

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I. The Confrontation

Holy Ground and the Burning Bush: When the holy happens, when we experience God’s presence, or God speaks to us, all is transformed. “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” Exodus 3:2-5

II. Introduction

God makes Himself known: The Lord *introduced* Himself to Moses as the God of the patriarchs...

III. The Commission

God *commissioned* Moses: God commanded him to go to Pharaoh to bring God’s people out of Egypt. Exodus 3:10

IV. Objection

Moses Objected: Although Moses had just heard a powerful revelation of who was speaking to him in this moment, his immediate concern was, “Who am I?” In response to this, God *reassured* Moses with a promise of God’s own presence. Exodus 3:11-12

V. Confirmation

God Confirms the Call: God spoke of a confirming sign (Exodus 3:12b). These same elements are present in a number of other call narratives in Scripture...