

Sermon: Trusting God in Your Crisis of Confidence.
Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.

Scripture: Exodus 4.
Date: September 25, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Have you ever faced a crisis of confidence?
- b) Like Moses, God has called us to a specific task – making disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). In what ways do you lack confidence in this mission? What excuses does Moses use in Exodus 4? Have you ever used these same excuses with God?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) How do the three signs that God gives to Moses demonstrate his power of Egypt, creation, and even death?
- b) In Romans 11:22 the Apostle Paul tells us to behold the kindness and the severity of God. How does Exodus 4 demonstrate God's severity? How does it demonstrate God's kindness?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read 4:22-23. These verses give us God's purpose in the book of Exodus – rescue his son (Israel) from slavery so that he can serve God. How does this point to the gospel story? Make it personal – how is this YOUR story?
- b) Read 4:24-26. Think it through together: What seems to be Moses' sin here? What is God's response to Moses' sin? How does Zipporah's obedience save Moses? How does her action image the gospel of salvation through Jesus (think mediator)?

APPLICATION

- a) The chapter ends with the Israelites worshipping God by bowing down to him. In what ways is a lack of confidence connected to a lack of worship? How might similar worship on your part restore your confidence in God?

FIGHTER VERSES: Exodus 2:23-25.

PRAYER

- Thank God that he is both our sever and kind God.
- Confess ways that you disobeyed God because of a lack of confidence.
- Thank Jesus for being the mediator that we need to be righteous before God.
- Ask God to help you to trust his power, promise, and purpose – and then bow down to him.