### God said, "Go!" Moses said, "No!"

Living a life shaped by FAITH not FEAR.



A Public Faith Part #6 Exodus 3:1-14 Noah Largent 7/24/16

## **Insights from inside the story:**

God is not detached from world affairs. God sees, hears and acts. (Exodus 2:23-25 & 3:7-8)

God's ability to work through us is not determined by our past failures. (Exodus 2:14)

The burning bush had to be an amazing sight! The Bible is MORE so! (Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:16)

The lampstand in the Tabernacle/Temple was reminder of the burning bush. (Exodus 25:31)

Moses had been a shepherd for 40 years when God appears to him. He is 80 years old! (Acts 7:30)

**4 times God will tell Moses, "Go!"** (Exodus 3:10; 4:12; 4:19 & 6:11)

Moses's Response: "Who am I that I should go?" (Exodus 3:11)

God has so consistently talked to Moses about himself and what he intends to do, Moses may think that he is to be a spectator to this dynamic work of God. But no! God is going to send Moses to be the agent through whom God will do his work. Presumably the Lord has resources and ability to act independently, to deliver Israel by himself, without Moses's assistance. Seldom in Scripture, however, does God act so unilaterally. *The scriptural pattern seems to be God's using people to reach people*.

-"Exodus" by Victor P. Hamilton page 58

### 3 reason Moses doesn't believe he is qualified.

#### #1 He didn't have enough answers.

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' **and they ask me**, 'What is his name?' **Then what shall I tell them?**" -Exodus 3:13

# #2 Moses' past attempts at leadership failed, why will it be different now?

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?" -Exodus4:1

### #3 Moses is not good with words.

Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." -Exodus4:10

## Moses' Final Appeal: "Please send someone else."

But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." -Exodus4:13

## God's Solution to, "Who am I?" is, "I AM WHO."

Courage is doing what God asks *despite what you believe about yourself* because like Moses, God's ability to work in our lives is not limited by our abilities or liabilities!

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