



*Welcome to Sierra
Community Church*



EXODUS

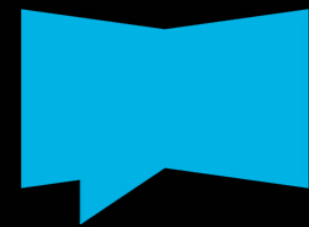
הָאֵלֹהִים לֵאמֹר
כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים
וְדִבַּרְתִּי אֲלֵהֶם
מִבֵּית עֲבָדַי
מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי
ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ

אֲבִינָעֵל-פֶּנִּי
יְהִי־לִי אֱלֹהִים
יָמַי אֲמַרְתִּי
אֶרֶץ מִתְּנִתָּה
וְאֲשֶׁר בְּפִי
מִתְנַתֵּת לְאֶרֶץ
כִּי אֲבִינָעֵל ה'



*Discovering what the
book of EXODUS says
about God and life*

"The exodus event, when Moses and Aaron led the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage, is referred to more than any other event in the Old Testament. It is the primary way to understand Yahweh's nature and character."



BibleProject

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” ⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

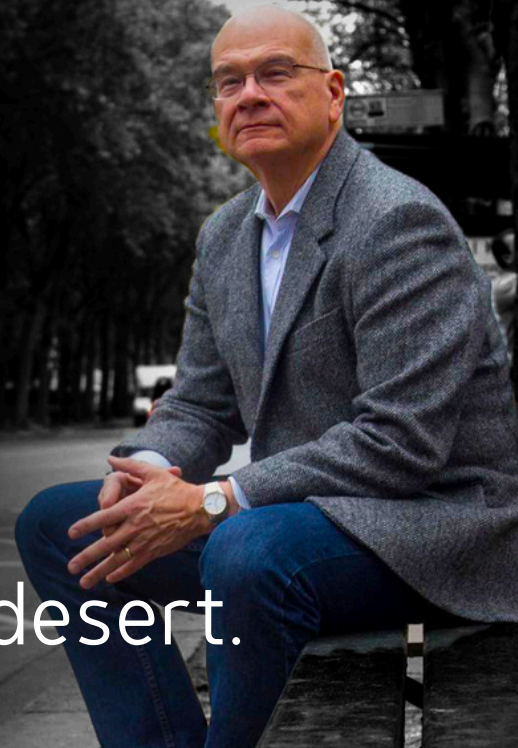
¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

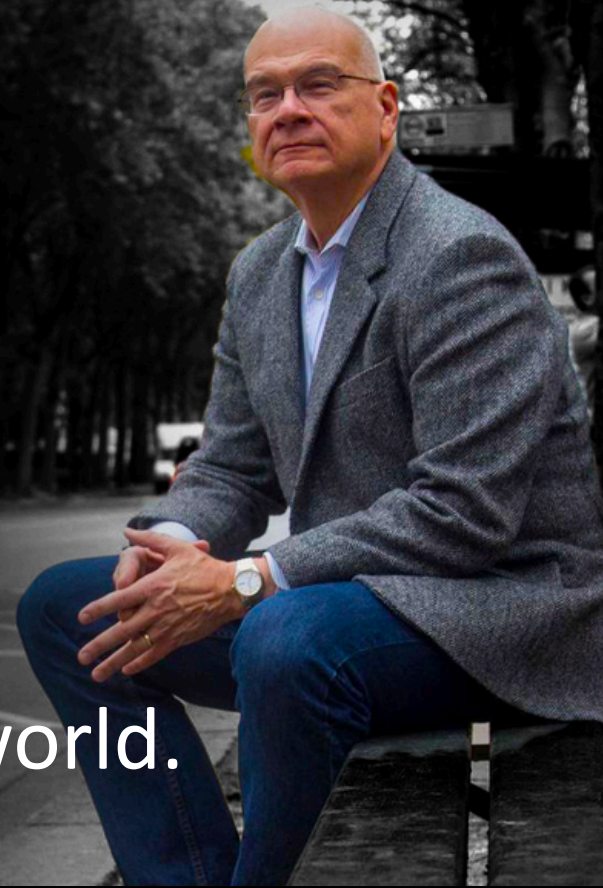
¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

*“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.”*

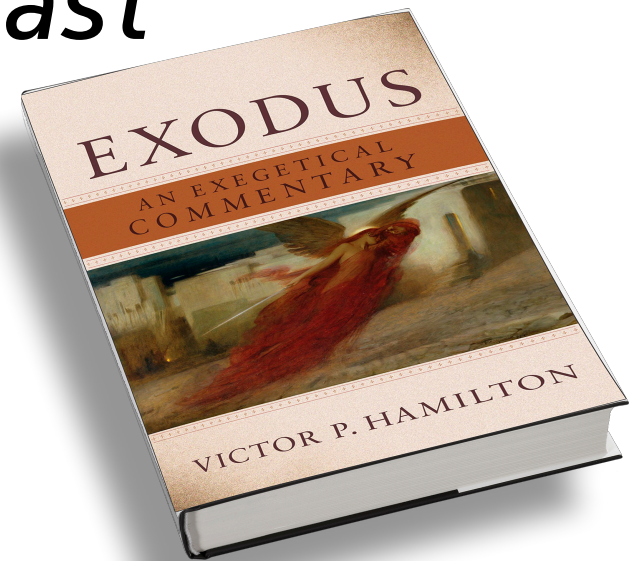
Moses' life apparently is at a dead end. He originally was adopted by one of Pharaoh's daughters and was raised in the royal house. He got a top-flight education, and he was a young, rising leader. He had friends in high places. When he discovered he was an Israelite and that the Israelites were being oppressed and they were enslaved, he wanted to help. He wanted to become an activist. One day he saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite, in a fit of rage, he killed the Egyptian. As a result, he fled for his life into the desert.



That was 40 years earlier. His entire life went on a detour, and now it's at a dead end. At this point, everything about him is gone. That is, all of his financial capital, all of his social capital, all of his physical capital (he's an 80-year-old man now) is all gone. Everything has been spent. If God had ever wanted to use him to help his people, the time is long past now. Moses is a failed, forgotten old man, eking out a living in a forgotten part of the world.



“Quite possibly what fuels Moses self-doubts on this occasion are very vivid and profound memories of failed efforts many years earlier to come to the rescue of his people (Exodus 2:11-15). Past defeats and humiliations tend to dog us more than past victories. Time does not always heal all wounds. On occasion the passing of time exacerbates them.”

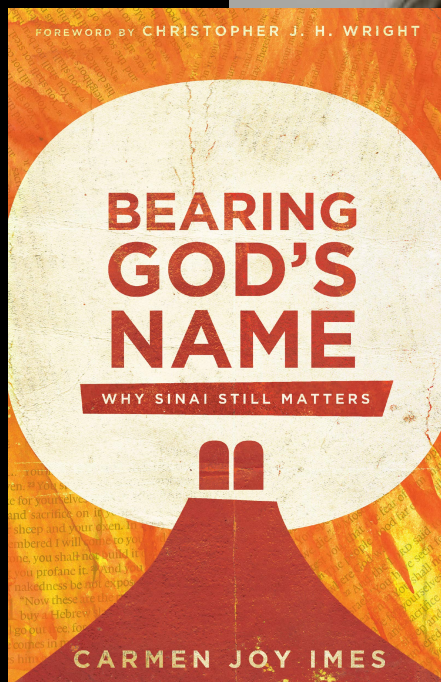


Moses: “There must be some mistake”

It's no surprise from the details of Moses life to this point that he's reluctant to believe that he is the right man for this job. Like Moses, we often forget that the qualifications God is looking for might not be the ones we look for.

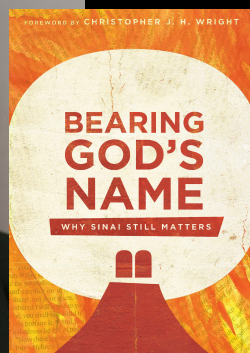
Our Confidence?

God knows you and He is with you. So wherever He sends you, He knows what you need, how and when to provide it for you. Confidence in life is not about our ability, but about reliance and trust in God's sufficiency.



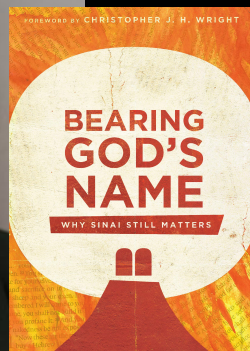
Carmen Joy Imes

God's in ANE were not known by their real names, only titles to keep people at arms length. Not this God, Yahweh, rather than hiding His name and maintaining a measure of distance, invites Moses into His council. He and the Hebrews are welcome to address Him directly. ***They're on a first name basis.***



Moses was God's designated special agent for this rescue operation. But Moses was not buying it. "***who am I***, that I should go to pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt? (Exodus 3:11) after 40 years as a fugitive, he thought God was making a mistake. "I will be with you" God said.

Teaching Moses an important lesson: It's not who Moses is -what matters that God is with him.



Moses' Mission & Ours

*We carry God's name
(reputation) to the world
we live in. It was Moses'
and his families calling.
And it's yours today!*

“I have taught you decrees... observe them carefully, ***for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations,*** who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” ⁷ ***What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us***”

Deuteronomy 4:5–7

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and ***you will be my witnesses*** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Moses' Mission & Ours

*We carry God's name
(reputation) to the world
we live in. It was Moses'
and his families calling.
And it's yours today!*