

Exodus 3-4 Really?

Review

- God had told Abraham that his promised descendants would be slaves, would be delivered one day, and the nation that held them slaves would be judged.
- It came to pass. The king tried to suppress their numbers by working them to death and killing their baby boys.
- One got through, ended up being raised to be the leader of Egypt, found out who he really was, quit the court, tried to deliver his people, his own rejected him, he killed an Egyptian, ran away, got married, had kids, and became a shepherd. His name was Moses. That's his life 0-40.
- The king died, God's people cried out to Him, [2:24-25](#). This is all going somewhere. God has a plan, and nothing ever goes wrong with it.
- 40 years later...

Exodus 3:1 - 4:17

3:1 The Setup

- Recap what Moses was raised to be.
- Then somehow he learned what God had for him, so he tried it. Rejected, like Joseph and Jesus. There is calling, then there is timing.
- God put Moses in a place to learn what he needed from the Egyptians for 40 years. Spend another 40 at BSDU learning what he needed from sheep! Now 80.
- [God preparing people not an easy process](#). Like building a house, baking brownies (which are made to be consumed). Emphasize youth. Tell our story of Barton to Camas to wildness to here.
- What are you being prepared for? Being hammered? Stirred up? Cooked?
- Probably forgot about and gave up on what he that was his call. [Is it possible you are being prepared, or even called to launch into something you thought was over?](#)
- Last thing he expected was what was about to happen, on many levels.

3:2-6 Moses Meets God. Or visa versa.

- 3:2
 - The Angel of the Lord - Jesus? Not just any angel. God's nature and manifestations of Him vs Him in His true nature.
 - Symbolism of bush and fire. Sin being judged but not consumed. Grace. Remember, prophecy is also pattern.
- 3:5
 - Shoes - manmade things that protect you from the world but can also come between you and God. Armor of God.
 - Where do you meet with the Lord? When do you? Where and when can you? Anytime, anywhere. [When you pray, when you read the Bible, when you sincerely sing praises to God, everywhere you meet with God is holy ground.](#)
 - Don't worship the place, worship the God of the place. Crossroads sanctuary.

3:7-22 The Call

- 3:7-9 Sounds great, Lord, go for it! About time! Who you got in mind?
- 3:10-12 The "who am I?" argument.
 - Will you do what God has called you to do, even if that includes knowing you will not see the payoff?
 - Would he have been wrong to just say, "Ok, I'm your man."? Contrast with Isaiah. Sign? You will make it back here.
- 3:13-18 The "who are you?" argument. Survey. Jesus & Pharisees.
- 3:19-22
 - "Oh, by the way, it won't work at first, but it will later." No wonder Moses wanted out
 - Whatever the scale of your world, when things are bad, things are bad. And they are likely to get worse before they get better. Personal, national, global.
 - Does God call us to failure? It isn't failure if it is what God wants to happen. Foolishness vs wisdom, Jesus on a cross.
 - Moses' call only gets more interesting.

4:1-17 The Signs

- 4:1-5 The snake rod
- 4:6-8 The sick hand
- 4:9 The water to blood. If? For Moses' sake, God knew for certain.
- 4:10-12 "But I don't talk so good." God made you special and he loves you very much. My own struggles in this area. The man born blind.
- 4:13 No arguments left!
- 4:14-17 Dude! Chill out! Aaron will be Mo's interface for the Hebrews. If God is calling you do do something that seems bigger than yourself, something that seems impossible, then He will do the thing with you, in you, and through you.

4:18-31 Here We Go!

- 4:18-23 Really? While on the way God reminds Him of how hard it will be. Really?
- 4:24-26 If you are called of God, you had better be sure you are walking rightly.
- 4:27-31 Reintroducing, Moses. When God calls, it is always to bring people to Jesus.

How do I know God is calling me?

- Who is at the center of it?
- What does the word say about it?
- Is God working both sides of the fence?

Calling

- Will you do what God has called you to do, even if that includes knowing you will not see the payoff?
- If God is calling you do do something that seems bigger than yourself, something that seems impossible, then He will do the thing with you, in you, and through you.
- When God calls, it is always to bring people to Jesus. Gospel.