



# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



## MESSAGE NOTES



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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*If you could add a month to the year (weather being the same as the previous month), between what months would you insert it and why?*

1. Pastor Nate said that our tendencies as human beings that get in the way of our genuinely knowing God are either an overblown sense of self or an underestimated self-image. In the big picture, which of these tends to be the greater obstacle in your life?
2. Read **Exodus 2:11-14**. Early in his adult life, Moses saw himself as the hero and the self-appointed leader of his people. This led to exile and obscurity for 40 years. When has an inflated ego ever muddled God's vision and leading in your life, and what was the result?
3. **Exodus 3:11** indicates that during his exile from Egypt, Moses' sense of self did a complete 180, to where now he had no confidence that he could do ANYTHING – even with God's help. Have you ever argued with God about what He was calling you to do because you felt it was beyond you? How did it turn out?
4. **Hebrews 11:24-27** reveals that, in the end, Moses was finally able to accept his limitations while trusting in God's power to work through him to fulfill God's plan. How would realistically accepting your limitations free you to trust God to fulfill His purposes in you and through you?
5. Having too high ("I don't need God") or too low ("God could never love me") a view of ourselves can be the greatest obstacle to our ever-knowing God. God tells us that neither is true (**Jeremiah 9:23-24, Psalm 139:13-17**), but that you need God and God deeply desires to be with you. With those obstacles out of the way, is there any reason why you wouldn't say 'YES!' to Jesus right now?

*Day One:* Matthew 1; Psalm 90

*Day Two:* Exodus 40; Proverbs 28

*Day Three:* Romans 12; 2 Samuel 10

*Day Four:* James 3; Jeremiah 24

*Day Five:* Job 28; Acts 6

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*



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