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Message Notes



## Milestones

### "Grace to Follow"

Pastor Tom Lundeen | Nov 16, 2025

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Being a great follower is crucial to our \_\_\_\_\_ development.  
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## 1. Learn that God Works in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Life (note **Exodus 3:1**)

40 years/\_\_\_\_\_

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*In the common, ordinary, everyday circumstances of our lives, God occasionally does something altogether \_\_\_\_\_.  
He burns a bush, as it were. (Hamby)*

Good followers know that there aren't just coincidences/\_\_\_\_\_ events...

...there's a God-ordained \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives and this world.

Because of that, any routine day can contain amazing moments God uses to \_\_\_\_\_/communicate with us.

## 2. Are Open to God's \_\_\_\_\_ Interventions (note **Exodus 3:2**)

Ordinary bush - Literal = \_\_\_\_\_ *shrub* = common desert plant.

The bush wasn't special...

...what was \_\_\_\_\_ to the bush was amazing/unique.

Note **Exodus 3:3**

He knew where he was = \_\_\_\_\_ of God (note **Exodus 3:1**).

Good followers look for ways to follow and be open to special ways God uses at times to get our \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (note **Exodus 3:4**)

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*It's me!*

There's no record that God had ever spoken to Moses once during the \_\_\_\_\_ days he spent in Midian...

But good followers understand that God can speak to \_\_\_\_\_ people on an average day, so it's important to learn to listen.

Note **Exodus 3:5**

### 4. Realize God Gives 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Moses could have easily concluded that 40 years earlier, he had blown his opportunity, and that his life was only going to be lived out in \_\_\_\_\_ and lost dreams in the desolation of Midian.

He could have permanently \_\_\_\_\_ his life to the garbage dump of history.

But God specializes in \_\_\_\_\_ lives.

Note **Exodus 3:6**

*I am the God of \_\_\_\_\_...I am the God of ordinary/flawed people who were used in extraordinary ways.*

Note **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Note **Exodus 3:7-10**

### **MILESTONES MATTER:**

- Moses still had \_\_\_\_\_ to deal with in his life...
- ...but Exodus 3 marks the \_\_\_\_\_ point in his life.
- Seek His \_\_\_\_\_ to be a great follower!

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*What's a book or story you'd love to see become a movie one day, and why?*

1. Pastor Tom stated that while being a follower isn't popular, "you can't be a great leader without being a great follower." Why is it less appealing to be a follower than a leader?
2. Read **Exodus 3:1**. God used Moses' ordinary routines to begin an extraordinary encounter. How has God worked through your routines?
3. Read **Exodus 3:2-3**. Moses' openness to an extraordinary event in his everyday routine set him up to hear from God. What practice(s) will you develop to stay alert to God getting your attention in your routines?
4. Read **Exodus 3:4-5**. Moses let God interrupt his routines and opened himself up to listen to Him. What present routines or fixations on the past will you set aside to better listen to God?
5. Read **Exodus 3:7-10** and **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**. By grace, God used Moses despite his past, and He wants to do the same for you. How will you claim God's offer of a new beginning today?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

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

*Day One:* Luke 8; Psalm 141

*Day Two:* Numbers 24; Proverbs 17

*Day Three:* Colossians 2; 2 Kings 15

*Day Four:* 1 Timothy 3; Ezekiel 18

*Day Five:* Job 17; Acts 1



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