



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If you were told that the last TV show or movie you watched would be your new reality tomorrow, what show or movie would you be living in?

1. Read **Exodus 3:11-12** & **4:10-13**. Like Moses, why do we struggle to allow God's power and promises to overcome our own perceived weaknesses?
2. How does God's loving persistence and promises to compensate for Moses' perceived weaknesses encourage you? (**Exodus 3:11-12, 14-15, 4:1-9**)
3. Pastor Tom stated, "Living on purpose means realizing that God's primary purpose isn't to make everything go as smoothly as possible for His people, because God has a plan, it's His plan, and He's in charge." In what area of your life do you need to let God be in charge, and why?
4. Read **Philippians 3:3b-4**. How can trusting God to be in charge of our lives instead of relying on our own abilities be freeing?
5. Thinking of your answer above, role play how would you encourage someone like Moses in **Exodus 3:11, 13; 4:10, 13** to rely on the all-powerful God?

PERSONAL GUIDE

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

Day One: Luke 9; Psalm 142

Day Two: Numbers 25; Proverbs 18

Day Three: Colossians 3; 2 Kings 16

Day Four: 1 Timothy 4; Ezekiel 19

Day Five: Job 18; Acts 2



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Message Notes



Milestones

"Everyone Struggles"

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Note **Deuteronomy 34:10-12**

But Moses' response was initially less than _____.

1. A _____ Leader

- He questioned his ability to carry out God's plan and pled _____ (note **Exodus 3:11, 13**).
- He doubted his leadership _____ (note **Exodus 4:1**).
- He _____ himself "F" as a public speaker (note **Exodus 4:10**).
- Despite God answering all his objections to leading God's plan, Moses asked to be _____ from the project (note **Exodus 4:13**).

In just _____ (note **Exodus 4:14-24**), Moses angered God and he was threatened with divine punishment (note **Exodus 4:24-26**).

Note **Exodus 5:6-9**

By the end of Exodus 5, Moses was struggling and ready to _____ (note **Exodus 5:19-23**).

Why did God make Moses (and us sometimes) *do it the* _____ way?

2. It Paints a More Accurate Portrait of _____

The Lord doesn't _____ with Moses' excuses (note **Exodus 3:12, 14-15; 4:2-9, 11, 17**).

God promises to _____ for every area of Moses' weaknesses with His strength.

When we see what we really are, it draws us to a perfect, _____, all-powerful God who can change our lives (note **Philippians 3:3b-4, 7-11**).

3. It Paints a More Accurate Portrait of _____

Note **Exodus 3:11-15**

Tell them that the always-existed, _____, faithful, dependable, and only God has sent you.

God's _____ describes His nature/character (note **Exodus 4:1-2, 17, 20**).

God can take _____, ordinary things about us and make them into something extraordinary.

Note **Exodus 4:10-12**

Note **Acts 7:22**

He complained...of not being _____ or quick-witted enough to respond to the Pharaoh. (Youngblood)

Neither _____ years of privilege and the best training and education in the ancient world, nor _____ years as a shepherd in the desert could help Moses understand what the Almighty Lord of heaven and earth was like in comparison to what he learned about God as he struggled with himself and with God's purpose for his life.

God _____ to us in our pleasures, and shouts to us in our pain. (C.S. Lewis)

4. It Reminds Us Who Is in _____

Note **Exodus 5:1-9, 21-23**

Living on purpose means realizing that God's primary purpose isn't to make everything go as _____ as possible for His people, because God has a plan, it's His plan, and He's in charge (note **Exodus 6:1**).

We tend to think _____ and be self-focused.

Note **Exodus 7:5; 9:15-16**

MILESTONES MATTER:

- Everyone struggles at _____.
- The God who knows the end from the beginning uses these struggles so we can learn life's greatest lessons and develop _____ to care for others.
- When it seems like God is doing it the _____ in our lives, remember God is using our struggles to help us see ourselves and God more accurately...

Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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1. A Reluctant Leader

- He questioned his ability to carry out God's plan and pled ignorance (note **Exodus 3:11, 13**).
- He doubted his leadership skills (note **Exodus 4:1**).
- He graded himself "F" as a public speaker (note **Exodus 4:10**).
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By the end of Exodus 5, Moses was struggling and ready to quit (note **Exodus 5:19-23**).

Why did God make Moses (and us sometimes) *do it the hard way*?

2. It Paints a More Accurate Portrait of Ourselves

The Lord doesn't disagree with Moses' excuses (note **Exodus 3:12, 14-15; 4:2-9, 11, 17**).

God promises to compensate for every area of Moses' weaknesses with His strength.

When we see what we really are, it draws us to a perfect, flawless, all-powerful God who can change our lives (note **Philippians 3:3b-4, 7-11**).

3. It Paints a More Accurate Portrait of God

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Tell them that the always-existed, eternal, faithful, dependable, and only God has sent you.

God's Name describes His nature/character (note **Exodus 4:1-2, 17, 20**).

God can take small, ordinary things about us and make them into something extraordinary.

Note **Exodus 4:10-12**

Note **Acts 7:22**

He complained...of not being eloquent or quick-witted enough to respond to the Pharaoh. (Youngblood)

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