

A Daunting Call but a Trustworthy Caller

EXODUS 4:18-23

LIVING
FAITHFULLY
IN A
FOREIGN
Land

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I. God confirms that the coast is clear for Moses.

Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." And the Lord said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead." So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand. vv. 18-20

God's _____ is perfect.

II. God reminds Moses of the role He is calling him to.

And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go." v. 21

God's _____ is unmatched.

III. God reveals how serious He is about rescuing His people.

"Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'" vv. 22-23

God's _____ is radical.

Trusting the Caller

Trust God's power as fuel for your _____.

Trust God's perspective while you ask Him for peace and _____.

Trust God's rescue plan for your eternity and your daily _____.



DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 4:18-23. It's interesting to note that when Moses asked Jethro for his blessing to leave Midian, Moses did not tell him about meeting God. Do you think Moses did this on purpose? Why or why not? What does this say about Moses' state of mind at this time?
2. What encouragements did God give to Moses as he stepped out in faith? What do these reassurances tell you about God?
3. How has God's timing in the past been perfect in your life? How are you waiting on His timing for something right now?
4. How have you seen God's unmatched power displayed before in your life? How does that encourage you today as you wait for Him to act in your circumstances?
5. How has God radically rescued you in the past, in salvation or in other ways, that changed the course of your life? What does His rescue tell you about His care for you?
6. How does God's power act as fuel for your obedience to His Word?
7. What are some ways you can start this week to actively train yourself to focus on God's perspective, even as you ask Him for peace and understanding?
8. What has God's plan for your rescue done for your eternity? What has it done for your ability to walk daily in His freedom now?

LIVING FAITHFULLY IN A FOREIGN Land

"Are you weary of a wavering, half-hearted walk with Christ? Are you willing to open your life to His powerful searchlight? Are you willing to trust Him without reservation, no matter what? Are you finally determined to do God's will, God's way? If that's your decision, I must warn you: The path before you will be costly—more than you can even imagine right now. But shunning that path will be more costly still."

CHARLES SWINDOLL

"As Moses stepped out by faith, God spoke to him and encouraged him. God told Moses not to be afraid to return to Egypt, because his enemies were dead. Then He assured Moses that He would enable him to do the miraculous signs but that Pharaoh would only harden his heart and thereby invite more judgments from the Lord. Before Moses even arrived in Egypt, he knew he had a battle on his hands. ... God was reminding Moses that he was the servant of a great God who knew what He would do. The key to victory was faith in the Lord."

WARREN WIERSBE

"Moses had become thoroughly disillusioned. He regarded himself as a failure, the objects of his ministry (the Israelites) as hopeless, and God as unfaithful, uncaring, and even unable to deliver His people. He had learned his own inability to deliver Israel, but he did not yet believe in God's ability to do so. Even the miraculous revelation of God at the burning bush, and the miracles that God enabled Moses to perform, did not convince him of God's intention and power. One supernatural revelation, even one involving miracles, does not usually change convictions that a person has built up over years of experience. We not only need to believe in our own inability to produce supernatural change, as Moses did, but we also need to believe in God's ability to produce it."

TOM CONSTABLE

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

BAND OF BROTHERS: NO OTHER JESUS

When you think of Jesus, what comes to mind? There are countless perspectives on who He is, but at the heart of it all, what do we truly know about His character, sufficiency and greatness? This summer, Band of Brothers will dive into the book of Colossians, discovering what God's Word says about Jesus being the center of our lives. Learn more and register at www.ccbcfamily.org/bob.

LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY As we continue our partnership with Vida Nueva Church in El Salvador, we have an exciting opportunity to hear directly from Steve and Pam Kern—the original church planters and ongoing ministry leaders at Vida Nueva! Join us for Lunch With a Missionary today, April 13, at 12:30 p.m. in the Oak Room to learn more about the incredible work happening with our ministry partners in El Salvador.

TENEBRAE which means "the darkening," is a moving Good Friday service recounting Jesus' life and death through music and communion. Join us on Friday, April 18, at 6 or 7:30 p.m. as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Please note that due to the dramatic nature of the service, we recommend children ages ten and under not attend. Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/tenebrae.

REACH FURTHER THIS EASTER As you leave today, pick up an Inviter Card and pray over who you can invite to join us for this special celebration. Easter is about the hope and victory found in Jesus Christ, and by inviting someone, you're sharing the gospel! Extend an invitation, RSVP and continue praying with us that more lives will be changed by Jesus this Easter season.

EASTER AT CHRIST CHAPEL Jesus is alive, and we can't wait to celebrate with you during Easter weekend! Join us for worship services at all our locations on Saturday, April 19, and Sunday, April 20. It will be a beautiful celebration of hope, victory and new life! Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/easter for service times, locations and all the details about our Holy Week events. RSVP today and let us know if you'll be attending and if you're inviting a friend to join us!



IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE The process is quick and easy—scan the QR Code to start.