

IT'S TOO LATE

Making a Comeback – Part 9

"One day when Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his relatives, the people of Israel. He saw an Egyptian mistreating an Israelite. So, Moses came to the man's defense and avenged him, killing the Egyptian. Moses assumed his fellow Israelites would realize that God had sent him to rescue them, but they didn't. The next day he visited them again and saw two men of Israel fighting. He tried to be a peacemaker. 'Men,' he said, 'you are brothers. Why are you fighting each other?' But the man in the wrong pushed Moses aside. 'Who made you a ruler and judge over us?' he asked. 'Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?' When Moses heard that, he fled the country and lived as a foreigner in the land of Midian." Acts 7:23-29

"Forty years later, in the desert near Mount Sinai, an angel appeared to Moses in the flame of a burning bush." Acts 7:30

"One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up." Exodus 3:1-2

KEY OBSERVATION: In the midst of the **ROUTINE** of your life, when you least expect it, you may be surprised by God's **INVITATION** to join Him where He is at work.

"When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' 'Here I am!' Moses replied. 'Do not come any closer,' the Lord warned. 'Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.'" Exodus 3:4-5

OUR QUESTIONS AND GOD'S ANSWERS:

1. Who am I?

"But Moses protested to God, 'Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?' God answered, 'I will be with you.'" Exodus 3:11-12

- God's answer: I will be **WITH YOU**.

"Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything that's coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God." 2 Corinthians 3:5

2. Who are YOU?

"But Moses protested, 'If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," they will ask me, "What is his name?" Then what should I tell them?' God replied to Moses, 'I AM who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13-14

- God's answer: **I AM**

3. What about THEM?

"But Moses protested again, 'What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, "The Lord never appeared to you?"' Then the Lord asked him, 'What is that in your hand?' 'A shepherd's staff,' Moses replied." Exodus 4:1-2

- God's Answer: What's in your **HAND**?

"Throw it on the ground," the Lord told him. Moses threw down the staff and it turned into a snake. Moses jumped back and then the Lord told him, 'Reach out and grab its tail.' Moses reached down and he grabbed it and it turned back into a shepherd's staff in his hand." Exodus 4:3-4

KEY TRUTH: We break free from our setback when we realize that we can't give God what we **DON'T HAVE**.

4. How about my PROBLEMS?

"But Moses pleaded with the Lord, 'O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.' Then the Lord asked Moses, 'Who makes a person's mouth?'" Exodus 4:10-11

- God's Answer: I'm in **CONTROL**

"He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward." Hebrews 11:26

"He had his eye on the One no eye can see, and so kept right on going." Hebrews 11:27

"It isn't too late. You can still return to me with all your heart." Joel 2:12