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Wild About God
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1. Why do you think the Biblical truth of being created by God is so important?
2. What did you think was “wild” about what we talked about? In other words, what really stood out or struck you?
3. Why might people struggle with asking God for help? Does that necessarily stop God?
4. How can you help God reveal Himself to other people?
5. When people think of their “purpose”, what kinds of things do they think of? Is it similar or not to what we talked about?

If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?
Would it be serious or funny?

An expert in the law came up to Jesus and asked,
“what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus asked him, What do you think the Scripture says?
Luke 10:27 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

But what we find out later is...

...what is wild is not that we love God, but that God loves us.

Everything starts with God...He is the One who loved us first.

We are wild about God because God is wild about us!

This week we looked at some wild stories about God’s wild love for a man named Moses!

Moses had a wild life!

Moses did some amazing things, and he messed up things too.
...Moses was a lot like us.

And this morning I want to relate Moses' life to ours.

What is the first way we saw God was wild about Moses? God created Moses...

...And God created me.

Have you ever made something that you really liked?

...And it turned out really good?

Bracelet, stuffed bunny, lego set, painting...

...we care about things we make when they turn out good.

When Moses was born, it was a very hard time for Israelites.

The Pharaoh, Egypt's king, hated them and was trying to kill them

Exodus 2:1 And a man of the house of Levi went and took *as wife* a daughter of Levi. 2 So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he *was a beautiful child*, she hid him three months.

When his mom looked at him, she said he was beautiful,...

...this is the word in Hebrew "good" ... "Tob"

Does this mean Moses was perfect or didn't do anything wrong?

No, we all do things wrong...but Moses' life was good.

Because God gave him life.

This same word "good", is the word God used when He made the world and everything in it.

Every baby is good, because God creates good things.

And your life is good too.

You were created by God, you were not an accident.

You were not born at the wrong time.

God created you, He is wild about you.

Sometimes our lives are hard, but every life has value and worth because God created us.

1. We know that God is wild about us because...

...He created us and gave us a good life.

3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid *it* in the reeds by the river's bank.

Moses' mother loved him and hid him and set him off in the river.

We talked about different people that love us...like who?

What are ways they show that they love us?

God showed Moses He loved him by helping him be safe.

God helped him when...

He was protected in the river from dangerous crocodiles.

He was protected when Pharaoh's own daughter found him.

He was protected when he grew up in Pharaoh's very own house

2. We know God is wild about us because...

...He loves us, and He wants to help us.

Now when Moses was grown up, he tried to help someone the wrong way, and he got angry and hurt someone.

He ran away because he was afraid of getting caught...

...But you can't run away far enough to get away from God.

3:1 One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro,^[a] the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. 2 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. 3 "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it."

3. We know God is wild about us because...

...He reveals Himself to me.

God wanted to have a relationship with Moses.

God didn't come and give him a lecture...God reveals Himself.

Self revelation is required with God.

He is the One that must reveal Himself to us.

There are four ways we talked about God reveals Himself to us.

Whisper

Voice

Scripture

Unexpected things that get our attention

This bush was something unexpected to get his attention.

Sometimes unexpected things happen to get our attention.

A burning bush didn't make sense. It wasn't normal.

My wife's parents found something unexpected when they met their neighbors...they found unexpected kindness.

When we unexpectedly show God's love or forgiveness or help...
...it gets people's attention and then...
...God shows up in us just like the burning bush.
And Jesus might call it letting our light shine.

Either way, God reveals Himself to me and others thru me.

But God doesn't just reveal Himself...
...He tells Moses something wild about Himself.
...He says, I am the God of your father!

Moses had a very hard time in his family.
He spent much of his life separated from his parents and family.

And God reveals Himself to Moses in a special way...
...connected to a family.

God also reveals Himself to us related to a family.
As Christians, Jesus said...
...He was our brother and God is our father.
In Christ, we are connected as the family of God.

[We know God is wild about us because He reveals Himself to us.](#)

>>>Then we talked about a special night called Passover.

The Israelites, Moses' people were slaves...
...and God wanted to set them free.

But Pharaoh rejected God.
His heart was hard against God.

And God sent 10 plagues...trying to get Pharoah's attention...
...And the last plague was the Angel of God's judgment.

But God provided a way of escape from death.

**If you took the blood of a lamb and put it on your door...
...the Angel of God's judgment would Passover your house.**

And many years later...God sent another lamb.

Who did John the Baptist say was the Lamb of God? Jesus.
"Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world."

4. We know God is wild about us because...

...He sent His Son to die for us.

Jesus is God's Son, and He was like the Passover lamb.

In fact....Jesus was killed during Passover.

And just like the Passover lamb couldn't have anything wrong w/it.

Jesus didn't ever do anything wrong.

He is perfect, and He lived a perfect life.

Because Jesus died on the cross for us, we can come to Him...
...and be safe from the judgement of God.

Sin is missing the mark...

... and it removes us from connection w/God and others.

Jesus came to give us life and set us free from sin...

...just like through the Passover lamb...

...the people could be safe and set free from slavery in Egypt.

**And just like the Israelites trusted the blood of the lamb on
the DOOR would keep them safe...**

...Jesus said I am the DOOR and...
...anyone that comes in through Him will be safe and have life.

God created us.

God loves us.

God reveals Himself to us.

God sent His Son to die for us.

And lastly...God has a purpose for us.

5. We know God is wild about us because...

...He has a purpose for us.

When God spoke to Moses in the burning bush...

...He wasn't just saying Hi.

When God creates us...He isn't just making us for fun.

Every person has a purpose.

God told Moses in that burning bush...to set His people free.

Moses didn't think he could do it.

A lot of times when God calls us, we don't think we can do it...

...but that is so we stay close to Him and trust Him.

So God asked Moses what was in his hand...a stick.

God took the stick Moses had and used it for His purpose.

The purpose we all have...

...is to know and follow Him and help others...

...know and follow Him too.

...and we do it different ways with what is in our hands.

God showed His power through the stick.

What do you have that God can use for His purpose?

How could God reveal Himself to someone through you?
With a baseball bat? Or spatula? Or book at school?

How could people know God is good?
Or kind? Or forgiving? Or cares?

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See it really all goes full circle.

He created us to know Him and then...
... He uses us to help other people know Him.

But you know what is interesting about that Passover night?

God said, that night would be the beginning of your new year.
Passover was to be a new beginning every year.

And Jesus the Lamb of God gives us a new beginning as well.
When we trust Jesus to save us, He makes us a new creation.

Old things are passed away and everything becomes new.

And we don't have to wait for Passover...
...we just have to come to Jesus whenever we want a fresh start.

12:25 When you enter the land the Lord has promised to give you, you will continue to observe this ceremony. **26** Then your children will ask, 'What does this ceremony mean?' **27** And you will reply, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the

houses of the Israelites in Egypt. And though he struck the Egyptians, he spared our families.” When Moses had finished speaking, all the people bowed down to the ground and worshiped.