HEROES – 4 "Moses" March 12, 2023

Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.* (NIV)

When your problems overwhelm you...

abandon safe and live by faith.

(Exodus 3:1-5, 7, 10) Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight-why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ... The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ... So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." (NIV)

SAFE WILL KEEP YOU...

1. <u>Trapped</u> in the past.

Isaiah 43:18-19 Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive *it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.* (NIV)

2. <u>Satisfied</u> with today.

Exodus 2:11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. (NIV)

3. <u>Afraid</u> of tomorrow.

Exodus 4:13 But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." (ESV)

FINAL WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

To live by faith, recognize that God is <u>already at work</u> in you.

Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. (NIV)

To live by faith, refuse to be defined by anything but God.

Hebrews 11:24-27 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 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. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

Living by faith impacts others around you.

Hebrews 11:28-29 *By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.* (NIV)

There are people waiting to be impacted on the other side of your <u>obedience</u>.