

Sermon Title: Foundation Project week 3

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As a believer, God has placed a calling on your life. He has made your heart aware of brokenness in this world and has given you a gift to be a part of the healing process of that problem. You struggle to pursue that calling because of the long list of reasons you believe disqualifies you from being able to pursue that calling. Moses had a similar attitude. (Exodus 3:11)

Big Idea: If God has called you, He will equip you. We'll break this big idea down into three truths

Truth 1: GOD MAKES YOU AWARE OF A BROKENNESS

Exodus 2:23-25

There will never be a time when the brokenness of the world has not been evident to the followers of God around the world.

Even today, there is corruption, adultery, theft, war, and murder. We know this will happen right up until Jesus returns. Matthew 24:6

What broken part of our world has God made you aware of? When you can feel the heart of God breaking as if it were your own, you lay the foundations for what he has likely suited you for.

Truth 2: GOD CALLS YOU

Exodus 3 1-6

Now with every calling comes an encounter. Many of us will simply hear a message, have a moment of supernatural clarity, have a dream, or a word from a friend; this encounter with God can look different for many people. No matter what it is, you find yourself in awe, not of yourself, but of God. You feel his holy and precious presence before you. And all you can do is listen.

This is our encounter with God. Like many encounters with God, they feel good, and many of us do one of two things with them - keep them locked away in our hearts forever or replicate them again and again. God does not

simply reveal his heart to us to make us feel good. No, God always has a plan for his people.

God sees the brokenness of Moses' time and tells Moses what he plans for the life of his people (Exodus 3:7-9). God sends Moses and works through him. Exodus 3:10

You see, it's here that God calls Moses to do something beyond what Moses is capable of doing, and Moses sees that. Moses begins to ask the question, "Who am I that I should." Here is where it's important to note one thing. God never tells Moses, "This is who you are. You are strong Moses; you are Smart Moses; you are perfect Moses; you are powerful Moses, You are Rich Moses." Nope. God says

"I will be with you."

Truth 3: GOD WORKS THROUGH YOU

Exodus 3:13-17

When God calls us, our fears and weaknesses bubble up to the surface, and we realize just how incapable we are of doing God-sized callings. How are we supposed to go before Pharaoh, one of the most powerful leaders of the day, and tell him to release his entire Labor force? Think about why you aren't doing what God has called you to do, and check off all of the ones beyond God's control and ability.

You'll find that your fearful dismissal of God's calling is an over-reliance on your own ability.

Maybe you're thinking, but God hasn't called me to anything. I haven't had an encounter with God. Here it is: Matthew 24:18

No matter what you have been called to as a follower of Christ, we have all been called to this one collective mission. To go and make disciples. Keep it up, and don't grow weary of doing good! And share the fruits of depending on God for the calling he's placed on your life.

If you're trying to pursue what God has called you to do, be mindful of these truths

- · God will make you aware of a brokenness in this world
- God will call you to participate in some aspect of bringing the kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven
- God will work through you when you submit yourself to his will

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Is it the call of all believers to baptize and make disciples of Jesus? Explain
- How do you know when you hear God's voice versus when it's your own thoughts and desires?
- Do you have an individual calling on your life? Describe
- What part of our broken world speaks to you the most? Why?
- How has God uniquely equipped you to succeed in your calling?
- Have you ever served in an area outside of your calling, and what impact did it have on you?

Reading Guide week 3

October 30	Exodus 3:1-4:17	The Burning Bush
October 31	Exodus 6:28-11:10	The Ten Plagues
November 1	Exodus 12:1-42	Passover and Exodus
November 2	Exodus 19:1-20:21	The Ten Commandments
November 3	2 Samuel 5:1-7:29	King David
November 4	2 Kings 25:1-30	The Fall of Jerusalem
November 5	Psalm 103:1-22	A Psalm