



# Welcome!

**SERIES: PLOT TWIST**

*Today's Message: Discoveries in the Desert*  
**Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor**

**PRAYER:** Gracious God, you lead us, guide us, protect us, provide for us, and watch over us. Thank you for your investment in our lives. Deepen our trust that even when you lead us into places and spaces we don't prefer or understand, we will yet be empowered to hold on. Thank you for where we've been, where we are, and where we're headed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**ICEBREAKER:** What was the longest you've ever had to wait for something? How did you feel?

**INTRODUCTION:** Moses spent 40 years in Egypt thinking he was somebody, another 40 years in the desert realizing he was nobody, and his final 40 years leading everybody because He had discovered the One who could use anybody. To prepare him for his destiny, he had to trust the process, and matriculate in God's University of the Desert. Are you in the desert? There are discoveries there waiting to be discerned.

**SCRIPTURE:** Read Exodus 3:1

## **DISCUSSION:**

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today?
2. The years of the life of Moses are remarkably divided into three forties: The first forty he spent as a prince in Pharaoh's court, the second a shepherd in Midian, the third a king in Jeshurun. Moses was born to be the deliverer of Israel but spend the first 80 years of his life in preparation. Considering Moses life, what can we learn about God's timetable for our lives? What would have happened if Moses had become impatient and decided to do something different, as opposed to waiting on God?
3. It is interesting that Moses was trained up in the finest Egyptian schools, had audience with the King of Egypt, and spent 40 years tending sheep. Considering the educational level of Moses, what can we learn about his humility in waiting for God? Is there any job that God cannot use us to do?
4. When God called Moses to the third portion of his life, he did it through a burning bush in the desert by the Mount of Horeb. Moses was out tending to the flock of his Father-in-law, Jethro. The name Horeb actually means desert or desolation, which makes it a strange place to be taking your flocks for anything, but there God's plan was revealed. Where in your life might God be speaking to you today?

**CHALLENGE:** Pray about how and where God might be speaking to you in the "deserts" of your life. Listen for God's voice and ask for the courage to respond.

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**SERVE:** Pray over Exodus 3 this week. Praise God for the power to live through obscurity, make the best of time, manage discomfort, and yet give God glory.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [www.myspbc.org](http://www.myspbc.org). You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/myspbc](https://www.facebook.com/myspbc). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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## We Care!

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472

EMAIL: [prayer@myspbc.org](mailto:prayer@myspbc.org).

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

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TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

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TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR:

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