

**Sermon:** *Moses - A Journey Toward God Week 1: Saying Yes to God's Call*

**Scripture:** Exodus 3:12 – 4:14 (NRSV)

*"I must turn aside, and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." Exodus 3:3*

*"When the Lord saw that he had turned aside, God called up to him out of the bush, 'Moses, come no closer... Moses, take off your shoes. Moses, you're on holy ground.'" Exodus 3:4-5*

*"So now, go. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people [the Israelites] out of Egypt." Exodus 3:10 (NIV)*

### Five Objections of Moses to The Call of God

#### Objection 1: WHO AM I, THAT I SHOULD GO TO PHARAOH?

*"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh...?" Exodus 3:11*

#### Objection 2: WHO ARE YOU?

*"Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me', and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What shall I tell them?'" Exodus 3:13*

*"This is what you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob: that's who I am.'" Exodus 3:15*

#### Objection 3: SUPPOSE DON'T BELIEVE ME OR LISTEN TO ME?

*"The Lord said, 'What is that in your hand?' He said, 'A staff.' Then God said, 'Throw it on the ground.' So Moses took his staff, which he used as a shepherd, and he threw it on the ground, and it became a snake." Exodus 4:2-3*

*"Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail..." So Moses reached out his hand and [snatched] it..." Exodus 4:4*

#### Objection 4: I'M NOT A GOOD SPEAKER.

*"But Moses said to the Lord, 'O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past, nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.'" Exodus 4:10*

*"Then the Lord said to him, 'Who gives speech to mortals, who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth, and teach you what to speak.'" Exodus 4:11-12*

#### Objection 5: PLEASE SEND SOMEONE ELSE.

*"But he said, 'O my Lord, please send someone else.' Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses. The Lord said, 'What of your brother, Aaron, the Levite? I know he can speak fluently. Even now, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, his heart will be glad.'" Exodus 4:13-14*