

# Called By Name: "Moses!"

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**Scriptures:** Exodus 3-4, 32; Numbers 14

**Bottom Line:** People are the purpose.

## God Looks Past Your Past

- God chose Moses to lead, despite the fact that Moses had committed murder years before
- God doesn't count you out of His plan because of mistakes, or sins in your past
- God is not dwelling on your past, or judging you based on what you've done. He is incredibly invested in and excited about who you will become.

## Your Weakness is Not a Barrier for God

- Moses tries to take himself out of the running to lead Israel by pointing out all his flaws and weaknesses
- God's responses to each of Moses' weaknesses is to point out that God's strengths make up for any way in which Moses is weak
- God is not relying on *your* strength, He's relying on you to trust in *His* strength

## People Are the Purpose

- I started my leadership journey believing that the destination was more important than the people I was leading
- God taught me that the destination isn't the purpose of leadership, people are
- Moses was ready to sacrifice his destination to save his people
- Jesus sacrificed Himself to save us. He is our example, and he will empower us to be like Him

# LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. Do things in your past make it difficult for you to do the things God is calling you to do? Are there hurts or mistakes that are holding you back?
3. What do you think God thinks about your past? What does He think of your future?
4. What weaknesses are keeping you from following God's call? What excuse can you give that makes you incapable of doing what God has asked of you? Which of God's responses to Moses in Exodus 3 & 4 speak to you?
5. How are you tempted to see people as projects instead of your purpose?