

# 50 Days: Week 3

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## “Humility Toward God Meets the Discipline of Community!”

Amazing things are said about Moses being the humblest man on the earth. (**Numbers 12:1-8 ESV**)

### Stage 1. Beginnings—He didn’t start out that way.

- In the beginning the Israelites sensed his motives, his pride, his judgements, his position.
- Later in life there was still a problem. “*Shall we bring water...*”
- The result of pride: separation from God’s Will and separation from the people.
- **Exodus 2:11-15 (ESV)**

**Numbers 20:9-12 (ESV)** *<sup>9</sup>And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as He commanded him. <sup>10</sup>Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” <sup>11</sup>And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in Me, to uphold Me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.”*

### Stage 2. Deconstruction—God took Moses on a journey to prepare him.

- He was rejected by the Israelites.
- He was rejected by his adoptive family.
- He became a shepherd, which was considered a low-class citizen.
- From a prince, to as servant, to a shepherd.
- Every man that God used He prepared.
- **1 Corinthians 1:25-31 (ESV)**

**James 1:2-4 (ESV)** *<sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

### Stage 3. God’s glory, significance, and relationship with others.

- Reliance on God for direction.
- A desire for God’s glory—more of it!
- Humility leads to relationship with others.
- Exodus 33:12-16 (ESV)

**Exodus 4:10-13 (ESV)** *<sup>10</sup>But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup>Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” <sup>13</sup>But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.”*

## SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES TO PRACTICE:

1. Continue on with the discipline of worship that you learned last week.
2. In what ways are you tempted to pursue your own identity independently of God?
3. What areas of your life need to be deconstructed and reconstructed?

4. In relationships with others, what are some of the things that push your buttons?
5. When the pressure is on, what old habits of yours re-emerge?
6. What can you do differently to trust God more with those old habits and those buttons that get pushed?