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## BIBLICAL CHARACTERS

### Moses

Pastor Tony Simoncini

## Growing Into Who God Sees

### How Do You Have A Growing Relationship With God?

#### GR O W I N G P E O P L E C H A N G E

*There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "**Here I am.**"*

EXODUS 3:2-4 (NIV)

**1 You have to be willing to SAY YES .**

**2 You have to let God use what you  
ALREADY HAVE .**

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'" Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground."

EXODUS 4:1-3 (NIV)

**3 You have to BELIEVE God will EQUIP you.**

*So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."*

*But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*

EXODUS 3:10-11 (NIV)

**4 You have to believe God will HELP YOU.**

*Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I **have never been** eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."*

*The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."*

EXODUS 4:10-12 (NIV)

**5 You have to believe that you GROW AS**

**YOU GO.**

But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

Then the LORD'S anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; **I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.** He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.

EXODUS 4:13-16 (NIV)

*I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.*

PROVERBS 4:11 (NIV)

**Moses had a G R O W I N G relationship with God.**

*Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend...*

EXODUS 33:11a (NLT)

*There has never been another prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.*

DEUTERONOMY 34:10 (NLT)



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## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 In what ways did God use Moses' unique background and experiences to fulfill His purpose? How can we identify and embrace our own unique qualities and experiences that God can use for His glory?
- 2 Moses' encounter with the burning bush was a pivotal moment that marked the beginning of his journey with God. Reflecting on your own life, have you experienced any significant encounters or moments that have shaped your understanding of God's calling for you? Share and discuss these experiences within the group.
- 3 Moses faced numerous challenges and obstacles throughout his leadership, including opposition from the Israelites and Pharaoh. How can we learn from Moses' perseverance and trust in God during difficult times? How can we encourage one another to remain steadfast in our faith when faced with adversity?
- 4 Pastor Tony talked about Moses and his close relationship with God, often speaking with Him face-to-face and as one would with a friend. How can we cultivate a deeper and more intimate relationship with God? What practices, disciplines, or habits can we develop to grow in our communication and connection with Him?



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