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This week's reading in the 2015/16 reading plan includes: Exodus 20-25; Luke 23-24; John 1-5

Ice Breaker: Describe something you did once that at first you didn't think you could do.

1. Discuss anything that jumped out at you in your private devotions this week.
2. In Exodus 3:11 Moses feared that his own failures would limit his ability to fulfill God's plan.
 1. By God's reply in the next verse, who is the one that the purposes of God rely upon?
 2. Consider Isaiah 46:10. God promised to be with Moses. How about you? Read Josh 1:5 & Heb 13:5.
 3. In what ways or scenarios do you best experience (or recognize) the presence of God in your life?
3. In Exodus 3:13 Moses feared that he did not adequately know or understand God to be of use.
 1. After separating himself from all other gods, the LORD tells Moses to give the children of Israel a message about his promise to rescue them and this message would be sufficient.
 2. How can this apply to your life? Consider 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.
 3. Is the gospel message from the self-existent creator of heaven and earth enough?
4. In Exodus 4:1 Moses feared that the people would not trust him to be God's messenger.
 1. God uses miracles to demonstrate authority. These miracles are meant to engender trust in the messenger and the message.
 2. The Bible is self-validating; we rest on the authority of Jesus and his apostles and prophets. But regarding your personal testimony, what "miracles" has God done that evidence his work in you?
 1. Has God changed the desires of your heart? Has God given you victory over sin that you thought you couldn't defeat? Has God repaired relationships that were dead? What else?
5. In Exodus 4:10 Moses feared that he was not skilled enough or in the right way to lead.
 1. What was God's answer and how does this impact your own life?
 2. Can God have purpose in disability as well as in ability?
6. Consider if there are areas of your life where one of these kinds of fears or objections are keeping you from obeying the LORD.

Sermon Idea: “God is able to enable us to do what He assigns.”

Sermon Outline:

- I. God uses us most after He prepares us fully.** (Exodus 3:7-12)
 - A. Moses objected, first, to God’s call because of how he viewed himself. (Exodus 3:11)
 - B. God was preparing Moses all of His life for his life’s mission in the last third of his life.
 - C. God answered Moses’ objection with the simple promise to be with him. (Exodus 3:12)
 - D. How does God prepare us fully?
 1. For many, God works through godly parents to refine us. (2 Timothy 1:5)
 2. God works through His Word to refine us. (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:2; Hebrew 4:12)
 3. God works through His church to refine us. (Acts 2:42-44)
 4. God works through trials refine us. (James 1:2-4)
 5. God works through persecution to refine us. (1 Peter 1:6-7)
 - E. Are you working with God, or resisting, His preparation of you?
- II. God always is with us to accomplish what He requires of us.** (Exodus 3:13-22)
- III. God is responsible for results and we are responsible for obedience.** (Exodus 4:1-9)

God’s glory is on display as He works through our weaknesses. (Exodus 4:10-17)