

Be the Message - Part 5

ACTIVATING YOUR MISSION

10-18-15

Exodus 3:1-7 - Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² 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. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up." ⁴ 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." ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

1. EMBRACE GOD'S _____.

Exodus 3:8-10 - So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. . . .¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

- I'm called to _____
I'm not called to impress people; I'm called to influence people.
- ✓ *Children, grandchildren, co-workers, neighbors and friends.*

The power of influence in community groups:

A community group of ten people that doubles every eighteen months will influence one thousand people for God in ten years.

2. STOP GIVING GOD _____.

Excuse #1. I have too many _____.

Exodus 4:10 - Moses said to the Lord, "O 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."

Excuse #2. What will people _____?

Exodus 4:1 - "Moses answered, 'What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?"

Excuse #3. I'm not _____ enough.

Exodus 3:11-14 - But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ...¹⁴ God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM**. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Excuse #4. I'll sit this one out and let someone else do it.

Exodus 4:11-14 - The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

¹³ But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

¹⁴ Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses...

3. GIVE GOD WHAT I'M _____ ON TO.

Exodus 4:2-4 - Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. ³ The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." . . . ⁴ . . . So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

Exodus 7:17 - This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood.

Exodus 14:16 - Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

Exodus 17:5-6 - The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."

My "Be the Message" Challenge:

- Read chapters 11-14 in "*Be the Message*" hardback book for sale in lobby.
- Practice *The Divine Whisper* at the end of each chapter.
- Complete the section; *Love the One in Front of You*, at the end of each chapter to apply what you're learning.
- Take the 30 day challenge/Commit to 21 (Days/Minutes/Chapters in Book of John)