

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

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 3:4

God got Moses' attention in a very unique way—by speaking to him as a burning bush. Then, God calls him twice by name and He meant serious business calling Moses to serve Him and His people. Here are three indications that God's calling on Moses is a very important one.

- God called and sent Moses.**

⁹"And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Exodus 3:9,10

Seeing the misery of the Israelites, God called Moses to deliver His people out of bondage in Egypt. However, He didn't just send Moses on his own—God sent him with the assurance of His Name (Exodus 3:14). When God who has all authority sends you to do something, what does it do to your confidence?

- God enabled Moses.**

¹¹The 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?"

¹²Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Exodus 4:11,12

Moses had innate abilities but he lacked the confidence that he could do what God was asking him to do. God, however, did not leave him empty-handed and on his own. He gave Moses the exact words to speak. Share a time when you experienced God enabling you to do something beyond your natural ability.

- God empowered Moses.**

"But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it."

Exodus 4:17

For the huge task at hand, God did not just go with Moses and enabled him but He also empowered him to do signs and wonders. The later chapters in Exodus reveal the many miracles Moses would perform to bring the people out of bondage. In the same way, we can trust God to empower us to overcome things that are beyond us.

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- When God calls you to do something, do you tend to focus on your capabilities and experiences or do you trust God and the purpose of His calling?
- What things do you feel are hindering you from fully obeying God's call in your life?
- How confident are you that God can use you? In what way do you think God wants to use you?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What can you do in the next few days to help you hear from God better? What practical steps can you take to obey Him more?
- What is one ability, talent, or skill that you have which you can offer to serve God? What can you do this week to begin serving God through this gifting?
- What point struck you most from this lesson? Who can you share this message with this week?