

## CALL OF MOSES

**Lesson Aim:** Know that God is willing to prepare you for the work that He wants you to do.

**Suggestion:** Have the students read the Scriptures and answer the questions in the student lesson and insert the following questions where they fit the lesson for class discussion.

**Introduction:** God chose Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. Moses gave God five excuses for not doing it, but God answered them and promised His power to overcome Pharaoh. Moses finally agreed to do it. Whatever God calls us to do, we need to agree quickly to do it and have faith that He will help us in a mighty way. God says, "Call unto Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not" (Jer 33:3).

**Why did Moses resist God's call to bring Israel out of Egypt? Ex 2:11-3:2; Acts 7:22-30**

At forty years, when Moses had fully learned the wisdom of Egypt, he tried to deliver his people from the bondage of Egypt by his own plan and power, but he failed. He was in serious trouble and fled to Midian to escape the wrath of Pharaoh where he stayed with Jethro for forty years. He kept his flock, married one of his daughters and had two sons. He felt rejected by his people and knew Pharaoh wanted to kill him, so he settled into the rural life of a shepherd. He had no intention of returning to Egypt. When God called him to deliver His people from Egypt, he was content to stay in Midian, so he resisted God's call. When God calls us to do a work for Him, it may not appeal to us because of our past failures, or it may be that we are content with our present situation. But God has saved us from our sins and we are debtors to do His good, acceptable and perfect will (Rom 12:1-2). We dishonor God if we resist His call.

**How did God reveal His call to Moses? Ex 3:1-10**

God the Father send His Son, the angel (messenger) of the Lord to Moses. He attracted Moses' attention by a bush that burned, but was not consumed. When Moses went to inspect this bush, the Messenger called to him out of the bush and told him not to come any closer, but to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Then He identified Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look on God. Moses responded correctly at this point. God told him that he had seen the affliction of His people in Egypt and had heard their cry for deliverance, so he told Moses that he was sending him to do it. Everything that God did and said to Moses was unexpected, but the call that He gave to Moses was clear. When God calls a believer to perform a task for Him, it may be unexpected and it may even be undesirable, but it will be clear. God usually makes His will known through a careful study of His Word, earnest prayer and biblical counsel from spiritual leaders. God intends for all believers to know His will for their lives (Eph 5:17)

**How did Moses resist God's call and how did God respond? Ex 3:10-4:16**

Moses said, "Who am I?" meaning, "I am not able." God replied, "I will be with you." Moses objected, "I have no authority." God said, "I AM THAT I AM." He was saying that He was all sufficient and was sending him to Egypt with His authority. Moses felt no one would believe him: "I have no credibility." God gave him three miraculous signs that would make him believable. Then Moses' said he could not speak well: "I am not eloquent." God asked, "Who made man's mouth?" He would be with his mouth and would give him the words to say. Moses had no more excuses and simply told God, "Send someone else." This aroused God's anger. He would not tolerate Moses' resistance. He would send Aaron, Moses' older brother, to speak for him, but He would give Moses His message. Moses finally agreed to go and deliver God's people from Egypt. It is foolish to resist God and it can bring disaster to those who continue to resist Him, whether they are believers or unbelievers (Rom 13:2; 2 Tim 3:8).

**Why did God threaten to kill Moses on his way to Egypt? Ex 4:24-26**

Moses had failed to circumcise his son, the sign of God's covenant with Israel. God would not allow him to be the leader of His people and let his son remain uncircumcised. Since Moses was near death, his wife circumcised their son to spare his life. The sign of Christ's covenant with His church is baptism (immersion) symbolizing a believer's death, burial and resurrection with Christ (Rom 6:3-5).