

Crisis Moments

Exodus 3:1 Now **Moses** kept the flock of **Jethro** his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb. 2 And the **angel of the Lord** appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed. 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. 4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, **God called unto him** out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, **Here am I.** 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground. 6 Moreover he said, **I am** the **God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.** And Moses hid his face; for **he was afraid to look upon God.** 7 And the Lord said, **I have surely seen** the

affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have **heard their cry** by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; **8** And **I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians,** and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. **9** Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. **10** Come now therefore, and **I will send thee** unto Pharaoh, **that thou mayest bring forth** my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. **11** And Moses said unto God, **Who am I,** that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? **12** And he said, Certainly **I will be with thee;** and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that **I have sent thee:** When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. **13** And Moses

said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? **14** And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. **15** And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations. **16** Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt: **17** And I have said, **I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land** of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, **unto a land flowing with milk and honey.** **18** And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou

and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The **Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us:** and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

19 And **I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go,** no, not by a mighty hand. 20 And **I will** stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which **I will do** in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. 21 And **I will give this people favour** in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: 22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and **ye shall spoil the Egyptians.**

- God will take them up out of the land of their affliction to a land He is promising them 17 And I have said, **I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt**

unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, **unto a land flowing with milk and honey.**

- A major mistake we make is to not see what God is wanting to do!
- We have our plans, our wishes but rarely ask Him what He wants to do and is going to do
- God knows exactly what is going to happen tomorrow.
- He knows that Pharaoh will not allow them to leave **19 And I**

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- As the Holy Spirit tells us this story He shows us that God knows what is going to happen
- He shows us in this chapter how God will accomplish exactly what His will is
- God promises to do great things that show His power and who He is to them **20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.**
- He is always getting us ready for what He will have us do

- He is going to have the Egyptians give them all that they need to later build the Tabernacle. **21 And I will give this people favour** in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: **22** But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and **ye shall spoil the Egyptians.**

- Does that help you realize that God is providing for you now so that you will be ready to do something in His service, His worship for His honor and glory in the future
- You might just think that the Egyptians are being good to you because they like you but it is really because God gave you favor with them
- Not only that God is wanting to show you that He is preparing you for a work, an offering that will be coming up in 30 chapters

1. God has a purpose for your life

- a. His purpose is bigger than you could ever imagine--Moses

b. God wants to show His power through your life

[Exodus 3:7](#) And the Lord said, **I have surely seen** the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have **heard their cry** by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; [8](#) And **I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians,** and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [9](#) Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. [10](#) Come now therefore, and **I will send thee** unto Pharaoh, **that thou mayest bring forth** my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

c. God Himself will do the work [Exodus 3:8](#) [8](#) And **I am come down to deliver them out of the**

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d. The plan and the work are God's plan for your life

2. People make excuses

a. My past—excuses we use from our past

i. Errors—He went out in the flesh and his own ability

ii. Failures He killed an Egyptian

iii. He thinks that he blew his opportunity

iv. Looking at my past I know that I can't do it

b. My present

i. I am not able, I can't [Exodus 3:11](#) And Moses said unto God, **Who am I,** that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

ii. I do not know what to say [Exodus 3:13](#) And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers

hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? **what shall I say unto them?**

iii. They won't listen to me [Exodus 4:1](#) And Moses answered and said, But, behold, **they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice:** for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.

iv. I don't speak well [Exodus 4:10](#) And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, **I am not eloquent,** neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but **I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.**

v. I am insecure

c. My future

i. I have my plans and future laid out for me [Exodus 3:1](#)
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ii. I will not have to feel pressure or worry

iii. I will own the family business

iv. What will happen to my family

v. His prayer

1. Not I

2. Send someone else [Exodus 4:10](#) And Moses said unto the Lord, **O my Lord, I am not eloquent,** neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but **I am slow of speech,** and of a slow tongue. [11](#) And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord? [12](#) Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. [13](#) **And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.**

3. God shows His power

a. With the rod [Exodus 4:2](#) And the Lord said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, **A rod.** [3](#) And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and **it became a serpent;** and Moses fled from before it. [4](#) And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and **it became a rod in his hand:**

- b. The leprous hand [Exodus 4:6](#) And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, **his hand was leprous as snow.** [7](#) And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.
- c. The waters that turn to blood [Exodus 4:9](#) And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt **take of the water of the river, and pour *it* upon the dry *land*:** and the water which thou takest out of the river **shall become blood upon the dry *land*.**
- d. Pharaoh's defeat
- e. God provides everything that his family needs
- f. God is the one that does the work in his life