

## Life of Moses Study (September 27, 2020)

### OPENING QUESTION:

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### READ Exodus 4:10-17

*Note: God heard the cries of His people who were afflicted and oppressed in Egypt and so He said to Moses, "Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?' He said, "But I will be with you..." (Exodus 3:10-12a)*

1. Briefly describe God's response (and your thoughts) to Moses' questions and comments below:

"Who am I that I should go?" (Exodus 3:11-12)

"What shall I say to them?" (Exodus 3:13-17)

"They will not believe me." (Exodus 4:1-9)

2. Apparently, God's responses to Moses did not convince him. What was Moses implying **about the Lord** when he said, "I am not eloquent...I am slow of speech and of tongues"?

3. How did God logically address Moses' illogical implication in Exodus 4:11-13? What does this reveal about God?

4. Share how Exodus 4:11-12; Luke 12:11-12 and 2 Corinthians 12:10 challenge your view of God in situations that concern you currently?

**Note:** Moses's real objection to speaking is not exactly known. Some scholars argue that it is due to the cultural response in the form of an "exaggerated humility" or self-deprecation at being given a great responsibility. Others consider that stuttering could have been the problem. Maybe Moses had forgotten much of the Egyptian language (which is how he would need to communicate with Pharaoh). Maybe he feared he'd lost his diplomacy skills after being away from the palace and living as a shepherd for so long. "But what he had was **not so much a speech problem as an obedience problem.**" (Philip Graham Ryken)

5. Note the reactions of Moses (Exodus 4:13-17), Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8, 7:1-9) and Jonah (Jonah 1:1-3, 17, 3:1-3) to God's call. What was God's response to each of these reactions? What do you learn about God and His plans?

6. The responsibilities given to Moses and Aaron in Exodus 4:15-16 are the responsibilities of a prophet (Exodus 7:1-2; Deuteronomy 18:18-22). Explain the seriousness of this role. How are Moses and Aaron instructed to carry this role out as a team?

7. What are some reasons you think are significant about Moses taking the staff to Egypt to do the signs?