



LightHouse Ranch Bible Study

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When God Calls

Preparation for God's work is Bible study, and God desires obedience on His first call

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The LORD knows how to deal with people, after all He created the person. The LORD is longsuffering and full of mercy, but He will not always chide, nether keep His anger forever. ([Psalm 103:8-9](#))

At the call of Moses in chapter 4, the LORD exhibited patience toward Moses whom God had chosen; but there came a time when Moses stirred up the anger of the LORD and the LORD allowed some things in answer to Moses' objections; that answer (Aaron) was not always a blessing to Moses in his service to God. We will also see a time when the LORD had to "shake up" Moses showing him the importance that he observe God's Covenant; so Moses did observe the covenant and obeyed God. God mightily used Moses to preserve the children of Israel in their outright rebellion against God:

We will also observe the Bible line which God preserved, a translation directly as the original.

[Psalm 106:19](#) They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

[Psalm 106:20](#) Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

[Psalm 106:21](#) They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

[Psalm 106:22](#) Wondrous works in the land of Ham, *and* terrible things by the Red sea.

[Psalm 106:23](#) Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not **Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach**, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

This is a great lesson for all of us to be prepared and to go at the LORD's first call Psalm 103 describes God – Who He is, and how He deals with His people:

[Psalm 103:1](#) *A Psalm of David.* Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name.

[Psalm 103:2](#) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

[Psalm 103:3](#) Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

[Psalm 103:4](#) Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

[Psalm 103:5](#) Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so *that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

[Psalm 103:6](#) The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

[Psalm 103:7](#) He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

[Psalm 103:8](#) The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

[Psalm 103:9](#) He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

[Psalm 103:10](#) He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

[Psalm 103:11](#) For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

[Psalm 103:12](#) As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

[Psalm 103:13](#) Like as a father pitieth *his* children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

[Psalm 103:14](#) For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust.

[Psalm 103:15](#) *As for* man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

[Psalm 103:16](#) For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

[Psalm 103:17](#) But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

[Psalm 103:18](#) To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

[Psalm 103:19](#) The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

[Psalm 103:20](#) Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

[Psalm 103:21](#) Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

[Psalm 103:22](#) Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Bible study is the most profitable duty to which we need to devote much of our time. ([II Timothy 2:15](#); [3:15-17](#)) I am certain you have heard people, whether or not you know them well, when they are in a tough trial say something like “why did this happen to me?”. I know I have foolishly said or thought like this a time or two in the past. We must realize that the only true answer is going to come from God, and God is speaking today by His Son, who is superior to all, speaking the Father’s Words, and we find these in His Word. ([Hebrews 1:1-14](#)). As we get into God’s Word, we find the LORD’s plan has been there all along, woven through thousands of years of history, and if we are ignorant of His will, we have not been studying and applying our Bible – and this means from Genesis through Revelation. God, however, is going to carry out His plan with or without us. When God calls, we had better not second guess God, because He knows what He is doing. God is not looking for excuses, but an instrument that He can use to fulfill a part of His overall will for His glory.

I. Moses first objection – Moses sent twice

[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;

[Exodus 3:8](#) 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.

[Exodus 3:9](#) 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.

[Exodus 3:10](#) **Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh**, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

[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?

A. God’s Answer with confirmation

[Exodus 3:12](#) 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.

B. Moses wants more information

[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?

C. After answering, God tells Moses to go the second time

[Exodus 3:14](#) 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.

[Exodus 3:15](#) 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.

[Exodus 3:16](#) **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:

II. Moses’ Second Objection – They will not believe 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.

A. God’s Response

[Exodus 4:2](#) And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

Exodus 4:3 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.

Exodus 4:4 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:

Exodus 4:5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

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.

Exodus 4:7 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.

Exodus 4:8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

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.

III. Moses Third Objection – This one is false – [Acts 7:21-22](#)

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.

1. God's Response

Exodus 4:11 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?

Exodus 4:12 **Now therefore go**, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

2. Aaron was not always a blessing to Moses [Numbers 12](#); [Exodus 32](#)

IV. Moses' Forth Objection – This one angers God

Not hard to interpret – 2 possibilities for 13? (send me, or send someone else) - Look at 14.

Exodus 4:13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.

A. God's Third Response - God had already allowed and set it up with Aaron before

Exodus 4:14 **And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses**, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

Exodus 4:15 **And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.**

Exodus 4:16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

Exodus 4:17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

V. Moses Acts on God's Word – Moses remembers the Abrahamic Covenant

Exodus 4:18 And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

A. God sends Moses

Exodus 4:19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.

Exodus 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

B. God Word to Pharaoh and his first born son – Also a warning to Moses

Exodus 4:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

Exodus 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

Exodus 4:23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

Exodus 4:24 And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.

C. Moses was “stirred” by God’s Words- Circumcised his Own Son not circumcised

Exodus 4:25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

Exodus 4:26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

The Politically Correct and woke NIV Massacres the Narrative – adds, subtracts, and twists:

²¹ The LORD said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. ²² Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, ²³ and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son."

²⁴ At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him. ²⁵ But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. ²⁶ So the LORD let him alone. (Exodus 4:21-26)

The NIV Tells us God was about to kill Moses! – Stay with the translation God Preserved

The events of chapter 4, were the result of God calling Moses to service back in Egypt. God informs Moses that God was going to use Moses to confront the Pharaoh to let the people go out of Egyptian bondage unto a land flowing with milk and honey. God would deliver the people, and they would leave Egypt with many riches - that the Egyptians would lavish on them many riches.

The natural man is blind to the things of God, they are foolishness to him - spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, **because they are spiritually discerned.**

I Corinthians 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

I Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Moses and we today should just go on God’s 1st call

VI. New Testament Commentary Reveals God’s Eternal Plan woven through history

A. Stephen’s defense begins with God calling Abraham

Acts 7:1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

Acts 7:2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

Acts 7:3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

Acts 7:4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

Acts 7:5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

B. Continues with the Abrahamic Covenant

Acts 7:6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

Acts 7:7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

Acts 7:8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.

C. Now, God's plan is revealed to save Israel because of the Covenant (God's Word)

Acts 7:9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

Acts 7:10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

Acts 7:11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

Acts 7:12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

Acts 7:13 And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

Acts 7:14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

Acts 7:15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

Acts 7:16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem.

God's underlying plan is discovered

Acts 7:17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

Acts 7:18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

Acts 7:19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

Acts 7:20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

Acts 7:21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

Acts 7:22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and **was mighty in words and in deeds.**

Acts 7:23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

Acts 7:24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

D. But the Israelites, whom God was going to save, were blind to what God was doing

Acts 7:25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

Acts 7:26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

Acts 7:27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

Acts 7:28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

E. God calls Moses into service

Acts 7:29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

Acts 7:30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

Acts 7:31 When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

Acts 7:32 *Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.*

Acts 7:33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

Acts 7:34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

Acts 7:35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.*

F. God used Moses mightily as the deliverer

Acts 7:36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

G. Moses, the deliverer is fitting into God's larger plan – Merly a type of Jesus Christ

Acts 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:*

Acts 7:39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

Acts 7:40 *Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*

Acts 7:41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

Acts 7:42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of forty years* in the wilderness?

Acts 7:43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

H. But God had given them a way to worship Him

Acts 7:44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

Acts 7:45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

Acts 7:46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

Acts 7:47 But Solomon built him an house.

Acts 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

Acts 7:49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest?

Acts 7:50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

Acts 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did, so do ye.*

**Israel, then, did not know God was working throughout history;
So in place of vision, they murder God's messengers.**

Acts 7:52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

Acts 7:53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it*.

Acts 7:54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

Acts 7:56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Acts 7:57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

I. But God's plan did not end then – or now – God is working His plan and will save Israel miraculously

Acts 7:58 And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

Acts 7:59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Acts 7:60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Exodus 4:27 And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

Exodus 4:28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

Exodus 4:29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:

Exodus 4:30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

Exodus 4:31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. (Notice God's Built in Dictionary!)

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Ephesians 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Israel out of Egypt unto a land flowing with milk and honey

An unmistakable type of

Our and their remnant's deliverance out of the world unto the Kingdom