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Overview of Our Journey

- 1) Origination: Incarceration
- 2) Destination: Emancipation
- 3) Navigation: Transformation

<u>Theme</u>: The journey from bondage to freedom points us to *Jesus*.



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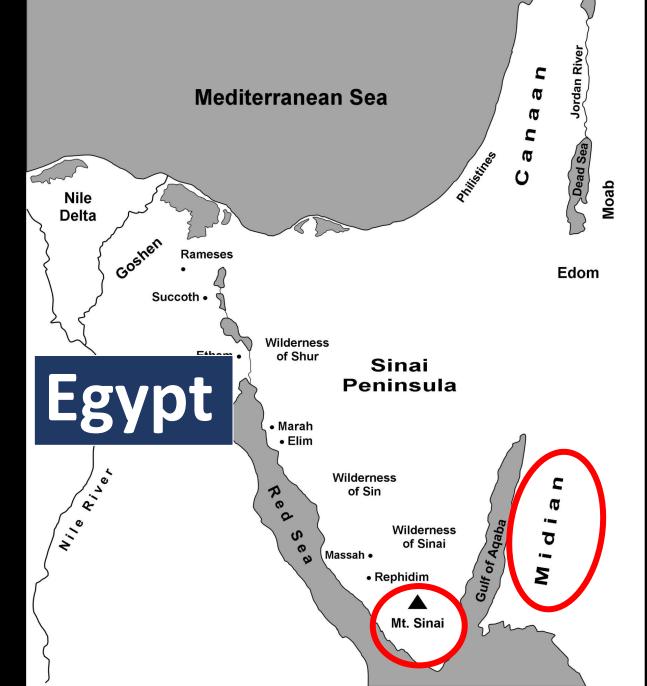
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#2 – God Calls Moses and Promises to Deliver His People *Exodus 3:1–20; 6:1–13*

Moses' First Attempt at Being a Deliverer

Alone
 In his own strength
 In secret

Midian was part of northwest Arabia near the Gulf of Aqaba.



Midianites were descended from Abraham through his wife Keturah (Gen 25:2)

Moses' Assignment

 Deliver God's people from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land

Moses' Two Tasks to Complete the Assignment

- As the LORD's representative leader, God was calling Moses to represent Him to the Egyptian King Pharaoh.
- As the LORD's representative leader was to represent Him to the oppressed Hebrew people

Moses' First Concern

 "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exo 3:11)

- "I'm not qualified"
- "I'm disqualified"

The LORD's Response

"But, I will be with you." – Exo 3:12

Moses' Second Concern

 "When the people ask me which god I am talking about ... what's His name? ... What do I tell them?" (Exo 3:13)

• "I don't know enough about you to introduce you to others."

The LORD's Response

God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.



Big Idea – "The more important question is not "Who am I?" but "Who is I AM?"

Moses' Third Concern

 But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'

> Moses feared the people would reject both him and the LORD's message

The LORD's Response

The LORD gives Moses the ability to perform supernatural signs and wonders and assures him that the people will pay attention to him when they see the amazing signs done by the power of God.

Exodus 5:30–31

³⁰ Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹ And the people believed;

Exodus 6:9

 Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

Moses' Fourth Concern

"Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." (Exo 4:10)

 "I don't have the right skill set to do all of this public speaking."

The LORD's Response

 "I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." (Exo 4:12)

Moses' Fifth Concern

"Please, Lord, send someone else."
"I don't have the right skill set to do all of this public speaking."

The LORD's Response

 The LORD understandably became frustrated with Moses ... however God agreed to have Moses' brother Aaron be his right-hand man and spokesperson.

Hebrews 3:3a

 "For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses"

John 8:58–59

"Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple."



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Next Week:

- Exodus 14:1–31
- Parting of the Red Sea & Defeat of the Egyptians

Discussion Questions

1) Do you sometimes have excuses for God as to why you are not the person He's looking for to do what you think He's calling you to do? How's does God's interaction with Moses speak to your experience?

2) How does answering the question, "Who is I AM?" impact your sense of identity?

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