



Sermon Growth Guide

March 16, 2025

“Directed”

Exodus 3:1-14

Key Verse: Exodus 3:10

“So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt”

Big Idea: God directs us through calling, convicting and commissioning.

Foundations

This week we continue in our theme of Turn Again. This passage comes after we hear about Moses, a man who was angry at injustice, lacked self-control, fearful, caring and looked out for others. We further see Moses being humbled, going from growing up in Pharaoh’s house to now shepherding the flocks of his father-in-law.

Moses sees the burning bush, is called by God, and God introduces Himself. Moses rightly recognizes his sinfulness and inferiority as he is afraid to look at God. God speaks of the misery and oppression of the Israelites, and calls upon Moses to lead the people out of Egypt. Moses recognizes his inferiority. Just a chapter earlier we hear of Moses’ sin and fall from a high status. God quickly turns around Moses’ question of “who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh...” to a focus on who God is. God is I Am and will be with Moses – that is all Moses needs to know. Moses was called, convicted and commissioned, directed to move out in God’s purposes by faith, as Pastor Tim points out.

God uses Moses right where he is, including using his background. In fact, God uses Moses’ background to fulfill His purposes for the Israelites. Moses followed God’s leading.

Understanding God’s Word

Together, read Exodus 3:1-14.

Moses comes upon a burning bush that is calling his name. Moses reacted by hiding his face. How would you react?

God directs Moses and assures him of His presence and His identity. How do we take comfort in God’s presence and identity as we follow Him?

Applying God’s Word

God tells Moses that he too has heard the Israelites’ cries against injustice. We see from the previous passage that Moses had a passion to fight injustice.

Think of some of the passions you have. How would you respond if you found out that God not only shared your passion, but was sending you to be part of the solution?

Witnessing God’s Word

God interrupted Moses in a dramatic way. How is God interrupting your life right now?

Pastor Tim talks of our need to follow God’s heart. What do you know of God’s heart? Is He directing you towards anything?