

Exodus Bible Study Assignment

September 9, 2021

Reading: Exodus Chapters 3 & 4

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt?
2. Moses refused God's call five times. Why do you think the author of this part of Exodus included this?
3. How does God respond to each of Moses' refusals? Which response would have convinced you the most? Why?
4. Have you ever been asked to do something that would force you out of your comfort zone? How did that make you feel? How did you respond?
5. In ancient Egyptian magic, knowing the true name of a person or a god meant that one could coerce him, or at least understand his true essence. How might that relate to the divine name that God gave Moses?
6. What three signs did God enable Moses to perform to convince the Israelites to believe him about being sent by God to lead them out of slavery? Which would have been the most convincing to you? Why?

7. In Exodus 4:21, the LORD said to Moses that he would harden Pharaoh's heart so that he would not let the people go. How do you think God did this? Why do you think God did this? How does this relate to your understanding of free will?

8. What similarities do you see between yourself and Moses? Yourself and the enslaved Israelites?

9. Re-read 4:24-26 and write one interpretation of this text. (NOTE: There are no wrong answers ... scholars and theologians are *still* trying to figure this one out!)

September 23 Assignment: Exodus 5:1 – 7:13