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On Sunday, I gave a message on Exodus 3-4. The scripture begins with Moses' encounter with a burning bush followed by an intense negotiation between Moses and God about what God was telling him he would do. Moses gave God plenty of reasons why he would be inadequate for the job, and God responded to each one with variations of, "I will be with you." Finally, Moses pled with God to send someone else. God responded not by taking away his responsibility but by giving Moses the support of his brother, Aaron. Moses had been out of Egypt for 40 years, and I suspect that many of Moses' doubts about his abilities spring from that. Aaron, on the other hand, never left. He had strong relationships with the Israelite community and leaders; they would have listened to Aaron when they would not have given Moses the time of day. I believe God created us to fit together just as Moses and Aaron did. They worked together to achieve the will of God and bring people from slavery to freedom. Without Moses' limitations and willingness to admit to them, Aaron would not have room to use his unique position and gifts to further God's plan. Recognizing and admitting you can't do it all is a strength, not a weakness. Doing so allows others to offer what they have to bring God's Realm to the world.