

THE STORY SO FAR

Last week we began the story of Exodus, which is part of the Bible's one big story. We saw how God had promised a man called Abraham to make him into a great nation, with their own land and God's blessing that would bless all peoples. But 400 years later, Abraham's descendants (the people of Israel) were slaves in Egypt. They cried out to God and God heard them...

Read **Exodus 3:1-10**.

How does God get Moses' attention?

What does God say about what he has done, and what he will do? (3:7-10)

Read **Exodus 3:11-4:17**.

Moses makes 5 objections to God's plan. Summarise what they are, and how God responds to each objection.

	Moses' objection	God's response
3:11-12		
3:13-22		
4:1-9		
4:10-12		
4:13-17		

In these verses, we see that God is very personal, not just a "force". What does God reveal in 3:1-4:17 about who he is, and what he is like?

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In many cultures, names are very significant. In the Bible, the name of a person often tells something about their character. Just like other names, the name of God reveals his nature and tells us about his character (3:14-15). In our English Bibles, whenever you see "LORD" in capital letters, it translates the Hebrew special name for God, "Yahweh". This sounds like "I am who I am" or "I will be who I will be".

Over 1000 years later, Jesus claimed this special name of God for himself.

Read **John 8:58**.

What does this tell us about who Jesus is?

A WEAK MAN IN GOD'S PLAN

What are your impressions of Moses at this point?

God has sent Moses to the King, to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt. At this point, what do you think are Moses' chances of success? Why?

So, Moses sets out on his mission to the king of Egypt, with Aaron.

Read **Exodus 5:1-23**.

Pharaoh (the king) was seen as like a god in Egypt.
What is his response to Moses?

How do Moses and the Israelites feel at the end of the chapter?

At this point, who seems to be more powerful – God or Pharaoh (the king of Egypt)?

In pairs, interview each other as “Moses” or “Pharaoh” about the events of these chapters. Here are some questions to get you started:

Moses *How did you feel when you first met God? (3:1-6)*
How did you feel to be given such an important job from God?
Why did you want God to send someone else?
After approaching the king, how do you feel about your task? (5:22-23)

Pharaoh *What is your attitude to Moses and the people of Israel?*
What is your attitude to their God?

Read **Exodus 6:1-13**.

How does God respond to the people’s discouragement?

List all of the “I” statements that God makes...

Reflect... What do we learn about God from these chapters?

Some people think, “God chooses people like pastors and missionaries, but he would never choose me. I’m not good enough.” What could you say to them?

PRAY



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