

***THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM***  
**From Slavery to Freedom**

**God, Moses and You      Exodus 3—4:17**

*The Lord said to him, “Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go. I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” Exodus 4:11–12*

1. In Hebrew thinking, character is revealed in name. By what two names does God describe himself in this week’s passage? (Ex. 3:6, 14)
  - A. How does the “old” name show that he is consistent and a promise-keeping God, “the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow”? (Ex. 2:24; Gen. 17:4–8)
  - B. How does the new name (Ex. 3:14) show that he is self-existent, uncreated, unlike all the false gods and idols of man’s hands and imaginations?
  
2. Considering God’s name in Exodus 3:14, why do you suppose the Jews tried to stone Jesus in John 8:58–59? What claim was Jesus making for himself?
  
3. We are told (Luke 24:25–27) that the Old Testament is actually a book all about Christ. Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, etc., all are pictures of Christ. How do you think Moses’ mission is similar to Christ’s? (Ex. 3:10)
  - A. How is Christ’s mission superior to Moses’? (Matthew 1:21)
  - B. How is Christ’s response superior to Moses’? (Ex. 4:10, 13; John 12:27; Hebrews 10:7)
  
4. Why did God appear to Moses?
  
5. Moses was 40 when he fled to Egypt and 80 when he was assigned his life’s work! (Acts 7:23; Ex. 7:7) Did you ever consider that your best years may be yet to come, that God may have some surprises for you, some important work in your sixties or seventies? How might this change your perspective on getting older?

6. God often seems to stack the deck against himself—men past their prime as leaders, women too old to bear children, armies too small, a ragtag band of fishermen to launch a world revolution. Why do you think he does that? (Judges 7:2–3; Zechariah 4:6) Is there any encouragement, any hope, in that for you?
  
7. The Israelites cried out to God for a *long* time for deliverance from Egypt before he finally acted! Is there anything or anyone you've been praying for over the years and almost given up on? Does reading Exodus 3 make a difference in your attitude or patience in praying and waiting? (Luke 18:1–8; 2 Peter 3:8–9)
  
8. List Moses' reservations about the job God gives him. (Ex. 3:11, 13; 4:1, 10, 13)  
What reservations do you sometimes have for God?
  
9. How does God deal with Moses' questions and objections? (3:12, 17, 21; 4:1–4, 12, 14)
  
10. In this passage God reveals in detail exactly how events will unfold (3:18–20). What encouragement do you find in your own problems to be reminded of God's control over the future?