

The Agreement

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Sermon in a Sentence: God's call us to partner with Him requires us to trust Him with our fears and desires.

Application: Moses was called by God to carry His message of deliverance to Pharoah and to lead His people into the Promised Land. Moses is afraid and insecure but learns to trust God. We can also learn to trust God because He wants to use you to be a blessing!

Ice Breaker Questions (Choose one or do them all, everyone answers):

- **Highs and Lows: What was the best part and worst part of your week?**
- **What is your favorite Bible story, or one that you have been thinking about lately?**

Diving In:

What is happening to the Israelites in the beginning of Exodus? We are now 400 years after Joseph brought his brothers to Egypt. Israel is now enslaved and they are crying out for relief.

What are some of the things you know about Moses?

Moses is out in the desert and sees a bush that is on fire but not burning up.

Read Exodus 3: 10-15, 4:1, 10-13

- **What are Moses objections to doing what God asks?**
 - 3:11- I'm not good enough
 - 3:13- I don't really know who you are (talking to God)
 - 4:1- I'm afraid they won't listen

- 4:10- I don't talk very good
- 4:13- Please send anyone else

The Big Question: Would he trust God to cover for his shortcomings? Will you?

Going Deeper:

The group may be interested going through the 10 plagues in Exodus 7-11. There is a handy guide linked on the website at gcmoseslake.org/sermons

God leads them out of Egypt and they are saved from the Egyptian army. They make their way to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God.

READ Exodus 19: 16-19

- **How do you think you would have responded in this moment?**
- **What does this tell us about God? About us?**

READ Exodus 20

- **Go through the 10 commandments, asking why does God ask us to do or not do this?**
- Remind them that the commandments are based on the relationship that God has with His people. Obedience isn't what makes us part of the family, instead we obey because we are part of God's family.

God wants us to trust Him with our insecurities (like Moses at the burning bush), our fears (like at the Red Sea), and our desires (the 10 commandments).

How can we pray for you?