

not want to do what God is asking.

What would your list of inadequacies look like? Can you view your inadequacies as a means of glorifying God? Do you believe that with God's presence you can overcome your inadequacies? Contemplate these questions and write your response here.

### **Thursday, July 30**

Read Chapter 2 of Exodus. This passage offers the many experiences that Moses had that shaped his life. Just knowing that his life was spared as an infant might bring to Moses' mind that God has a plan for his life. The unfortunate experience of killing an Egyptian soldier when defending a Hebrew slave certainly impacted Moses' life as he fled to Midian. All that time tending to the flocks of his father-in-law must have allowed Moses time to contemplate his life and the God of the Hebrew people.

What are the experiences of your life that have primarily shaped who you are today? What passions do they elicit within you? How does your character reveal the results from those past experiences? What issues do you hold dear and hope to address through your efforts? Write your ideas here as you consider the experiences that have made you who you are as a child of God!

### **Friday, July 31**

As we all know, Moses succeeded in bring God's people out of Egypt; it was a harrowing experience, but with God's presence freedom was secured for the Hebrew people. Moses at least had the ability to inspire others to follow him. His faith and ultimate trust in God must have impacted others. What abilities do you possess that can benefit others? What is stopping you from sharing those abilities in doing the work of God in the world? Pray that God will use you to do great things for his greatest purposes.

## **Message Notes – July 26, 2020**

### ***Questions from God – What Is That in Your Hand?\****

- I. If you read chapters 3 and 4 of Exodus, you can read the many \_\_\_\_\_ Moses offered God when God asked Moses to lead his people out of exile and slavery.
  - A. Moses began his protest by asking, "Who am \_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_ should go unto Pharaoh?"
    1. Moses followed up by saying that he wasn't quite sure about God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 3:13).
    2. Then Moses worried about people not \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
    3. Moses argued that he wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ and has never been \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. God informed Moses, "\_\_\_\_ will be with you."
  - C. God even gets \_\_\_\_\_ with Moses' protests and whimpers about not having the right credentials for the job of freeing God's people.
- II. That just may be the point; Moses is not qualified to lead God's people from Egypt but with God's presence with him, Moses will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. To all of Moses' protests, God asked the question we are considering today: "What is that in your \_\_\_\_\_?"
  - B. The question from God is "What is that in your \_\_\_\_\_?" Not "What can you get to address the issue?" or "What do you \_\_\_\_\_ to have in your hand?"
- III. Let's consider Moses' \_\_\_\_\_ and how that \_\_\_\_\_ might reflect our own capacity to respond to God's \_\_\_\_\_ upon our lives.

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\*Exodus 3:10-12, 3:19-4:5

A. First, Moses possessed \_\_\_\_\_;  
as do all of us.

B. Like Moses, we have our life \_\_\_\_\_  
in our hands.

C. Third, Moses had his \_\_\_\_\_; in the  
end, he did agree to follow God's call and was  
persistent in following that call.

IV. So friends, how about \_\_\_\_\_? What's that in \_\_\_\_\_  
hand?

A. God wants to use the resources that are already in  
your hand to bring \_\_\_\_\_ and encouragement to  
a \_\_\_\_\_ and scarred world.

B. You just have to be willing to enter into a  
\_\_\_\_\_ with our God.

### ***Daily Devotional Guide***

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant  
to enhance your understanding of the message  
and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

#### **Monday, July 27**

Read Exodus 3:1-11. An important part of the message is how  
Moses and we offer excuses when asked to do something for God  
in the world. The very first excuse may be "Why me?" Moses  
said, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should

bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" Moses' excuses  
ranged from his deficient knowledge of God to his inability to  
speak eloquently. Moses offered excuses until God became angry  
with him.

At the end of the message a challenge was given to begin a  
conversation with God about God's callings in our lives. The first  
part of the conversation is being honest with the excuses we offer  
in response to God's call. Think about the excuses you would  
offer, write your thoughts here and pray that God be patient with  
you!

#### **Tuesday, July 28**

Read Exodus 3:10-4:2. Read again verse 3:12. When God calls  
us to any task, relationship or ministry, God pledges to us that he  
will be with us. The New American Standard Bible states God  
promise as "Certainly I will be with you."

The promise of God's presence is meant to melt away our  
excuses. St. Augustine wrote, "Without God, we cannot. Without  
us, God will not." God wants us to partner with him in bringing  
healing and salvation to our battered and bruised world. What  
does it mean to you that God doesn't send us into the wilderness  
alone but pledges to be with us? Just as God's presence is  
important to us, our presence is important to God. The church is  
the living body of Christ in the world today. It's been said that  
God doesn't have a plan B – we are it! Contemplate what it  
means to be a partner with God and to be a conduit for God's  
purposes on earth. Write your thoughts here asking for God's  
clarity of what that partnership looks like.

#### **Wednesday, July 29**

Read Exodus 3:13-4:13. It seems that there is no end to Moses'  
list of inadequacies that he offers to God. Moses appears to really