

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

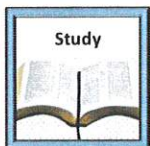


Prayer:

- Who can we pray with you for who needs Jesus?
- How can we encourage you in your faith?
- Do you have any praises?



- How have you seen God at work in your life this week?
- How has God challenged you through this week's message?
- What jumped out or impacted you?



A quick recap: God had called Moses to bring out the Israelites from Egypt (Ex 3:10); He thwarted all of Moses' excuses (Ex 3:11-4:17); He provided miraculous signs for Moses to perform (Ex 4:1-9); and He demonstrated He had already prepared the way and provided everything needed... He just needed Moses to go.

And that was the one thing Moses seemed hesitant to do. Read Ex 4:18-20. All the excuses he'd used with God pointed to his fears and failures – It didn't go well last time he tried (read Ex 2:11-15). He felt unqualified and feared those who sought to kill him. Even now he didn't share the true reason for his return to Egypt with Jethro (v.18). Yet, God gave him hope and a nudge forward (v.19).

Turn to Galatians 5 and contrast vv.19-21 with vv.22-24. How can we recognize if a prompting is from God instead of ourselves? When have you convinced yourself that you were following God but were operating from your own desires instead? How does Psalm 37:3-6 align our desires with God's promptings?

Read Ex 4:24-26. From this passage we know that at least one of Moses' sons was not circumcised. This shows a couple things: 1) Moses wasn't setting a Godly example – his son was not circumcised, and 2) it appears from this passage that the reason for #1 is that he did not take the spiritual leadership in his home but instead compromised and caved to his wife's desires. In what areas are you withholding from God, compromising your spiritual walk, your spiritual growth, your service to God? How does God desire to use you that you are fighting or resisting Him? Where are you afraid to step out in faith and instead retreat to the comfort of compromise?

REFLECTION:

Take heart! God desires to use you. He has already provided everything we need. Read Eph 1:3-14 and Psalm 103:1-5. Be encouraged. You cannot do it in your own strength – that is a recipe for disaster. Trust in Him.

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