

Group/Individual Study

Series: "This is Us" - Moses

Passages: Exodus 3:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, 2 Corinthians 4:7

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 7/9

1. Read Exodus 3:1-14. Compare and contrast what you know of the first 40 years of Moses' life from the second 40 years of his life. Why might he have believed that the chance for a significant role in God's work in the world had already passed him by?
2. From a human perspective, you would think Moses was better positioned to deliver the Jews when he was a prince in Pharaoh's household and had much status and power. Yet God chose to use him much later in life after 40 years of obscurity. Gary mentioned that "God's timing is rarely our timing, yet it's always perfect." How do you think this was true for Moses? Have you ever experienced a situation where your sense of ideal timing and God's were different?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. Why do you think God likes to work through imperfect and weak human beings to do His perfect and powerful work in the world? Can you think of other biblical characters that would fit this bill? Have you ever seen God use a weak, imperfect person in an extraordinary way?
4. Moses' first reaction to God's call was to say, "I'm not qualified" and "How will people know You really sent me?" Why do you think he reacted this way? Why do you think most characters in the Bible react this way when God assigned them things to do? How did God reassure Moses? Have you ever reacted this way? How does He reassure you?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. When Jesus called Peter, he said "I'm too sinful." When God called Jeremiah, he said, "I'm too young." When He called Isaiah, he said, "My lips are unclean." Almost everyone he called in the Bible reacted this way. If God starts nudging you to do something, what's your excuse? How do today's passages speak to your excuse?
6. A common clay vessel filled with an uncommon treasure of God's Spirit within, seems to be God's preferred means to do His work in the world. Do you focus more on your own "clay-ness" or on the the greatness of the God who lives inside you? What could help you see things more like He does?