

EXODUS

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God Makes Himself Known

Exodus 2:23-4:17

Message Big Idea

Real confidence doesn't come from personal competence, but from the assurance of God's presence.

Reading Plan

The scene starts this week with Moses still running from the authority of Pharaoh in Egypt. He has started a family in Midian and has become a shepherd, taking care of his father-in-laws' flock. During all of this time, God has not forgotten the cries and oppression of his people and places into motion an incredible plan to free his people from the bondage in Egypt once and for all.

"...the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob."

Exodus 2:23-24

It takes getting Moses' attention in a pretty drastic way for God to reveal to him the amazing plan that he has for his people. This week we will dig into the blueprint for God's plan in Egypt and start to see how God makes himself known to his people through first making himself known through Moses. This week through daily reading, use the **OPA** method of study to help open up the words of scripture as you read and journal:

- **Observation** - Write down all of the facts found in this passage. You should be able to write down a bunch of observations. Start with simple thoughts and then write down bigger and more broad observations about the passage.

- **Principles** - Next, draw out some principles from the observations that you made. What is God teaching his people through this passage? What are guiding principles that God might want to teach readers as they take in the words of this passage? What is God trying to teach you?
- **Application** - How will you apply these principles to your life? Be as specific as you can. What will you do today to make these principles and lessons stick?

Monday: Exodus 2:23 - Exodus 3:22

Tuesday: Exodus 4:1-17

Wednesday: Psalm 34:1-22

Thursday: Acts 7:30-38

Friday: Psalm 28:1-9

Saturday: Exodus 2:23 - Exodus 4:17

Daily Prayer Guide

Practice prayer journaling this week by writing out your prayers in response to your reading. One helpful method of prayer journaling is using the **ACTS** method:

- Start with **Adoration** or praising God by reflecting about who He is and why He is worthy of praise.
- Second, write prayers of **Confession**. When we recognize who God is and come face to face with His holiness, we realize that we have sinned against him in our imperfection. It's important to Confess these sins and ask for His forgiveness.
- Third, write a prayer of **Thanksgiving** - this is a chance to thank God for how he has worked in your life with gratitude and thankfulness. This begins with thankfulness for His forgiveness, but works through all aspects of our lives.
- Last, write down a prayer of **Supplication**. Once we have a clear perspective about who God is, how sinful we are, and realize why we are thankful, we can approach God with requests.