

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

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## ***Moses: Learning To Lead God's Way***

Lesson #3: A Somebody in Training - The Call Personified

### **INTRODUCTION**

How have you doubted your adequacy for an assignment?

### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION**

Read Ex 3:1 - 4:17; Acts 7:30-38

1. Moses' elite military training and schooling as an Egyptian prince were important preparation for God's task. How did the "graduate school" as a desert shepherd, husband and father refine his character?
2. What warning did Moses have that he would have a personal encounter God?
3. When did God speak his name? (3:4) Why is this significant?
4. What does this common bush that was used in a special way reveal about how God speaks today?  
*Note: This is the first use of "holy" in all of scripture.*
5. How does Moses' revelation about God affect him? How did their relationship change over time?
6. How does God express his concern and purpose? (3:7-10)
7. Why would Moses, after all those years in the lowly desert, resist God's call?
8. What major emphasis has Moses missed in the Lord's statements? (3:8, 12). What is the impact?
9. What are Moses' major questions & objections and what do they reveal about him? (3:11, 13)  
God's responses?
10. What are Moses' personal objections and what do they reveal about him? (4:1, 10, 13)  
God's responses?

*Note: Vv 14, 15 - Unlike previous names, 'Yahweh' does not limit God's nature to any particular characteristic: he is what he is. Furthermore, his nature does not change.<sup>1</sup>*

### **APPLICATION**

How does your relationship to God compare to that of Moses? Are you running ahead before being sent? Retreating after failure? Shrinking from His presence? Resisting His calling? Available and open to His leading? Enjoying His friendship?

***The most important moments rarely come at a convenient time. Sometimes you wish that God would check your calendar first. The ironic part is that our schedules get packed with the mundane and ordinary, and we become irritated with God when He interrupts us with the miraculous and extraordinary. The scriptures are full of stories about people who were rudely interrupted by God (Moses?). We read about them and long to have that kind of adventure experience. When God interrupts us, are we willing to respond on the moment's notice.***

*Chasing Daylight* by Erwin McManus, pg 14

<sup>1</sup> *New Bible commentary: 21st century edition.* 1994 (D. A. Carson, R. T. France, J. A. Motyer & G. J. Wenham, Ed.) (4th ed.) (Ex 3:1-4:23). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press.