

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

1/20/18

Text: Exodus 2:23-3:15 (ESV)

Title: The Call of Moses

Teacher: Tim Rice

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

In his sermon, Tim walked us through the gospel pattern that is established all the way back with the people of Israel in Egypt. God would call a people out of a dire situation (slavery in Egypt) and bring them to himself so that they could be His people and live under his smile and blessing. In our brokenness and confusion about God, we have traded the gospel message for one of religion or moralism, that says “be good enough, and God will allow you to enter heaven.” As evidenced by the mass exodus of young people from church these days, in many ways western Christianity has lost the message of the gospel rescue and traded it for a message of advice. And advice can often be trivial and irrelevant, especially coming from people whose lives aren’t changed. The truth of the gospel is that we are utterly in need, and completely ruined, unable to save ourselves or produce any good apart from God, but He enters into our sin & brokenness and saves us, doing what we couldn’t, so that we could abandon all other allegiances and follow him.

Reflection Questions:

1. As Tim said, God does not stand far off, He sees, He hears and He knows our trials. He is not indifferent to His people, He loves and rescues them.
 - ***When did you last struggle or suffer?***
 - ***When did you last struggle or suffer alone? What difference does it make that God is present in our suffering?***
2. A message of Advice assumes a level of competence, to be able to respond and do what is being asked. A message of Rescue assumes helplessness and need.
 - ***When have you cried out for a rescue and what you received was simply advice?***
 - ***How has God shown himself to you, or someone you know, in a Rescue?***
3. Against contemporary “Radical Individualism”, the gospel claim is that you are not your own, you were made for and belong to God. Like the burning bush, we can be utterly overtaken by God, and yet not be consumed; purified AND safe.
 - ***In what areas have you been convinced or pressured to live life for yourself?***
 - ***How would true, complete dependence on God be freeing? What’s scary about it?***
 - ***Where is God pouring His love and spirit into your life so that you could pour it into others?***

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)

1. ADORATION *(The Father)*

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

2. CONFESSION *(Me)*

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

3. THANKSGIVING *(Jesus)*

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

4. SUPPLICATION *(Holy Spirit)*

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

5. Prepare for Gospel Community *(My Neighbor)*

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.

Prayer Items

- 1. Worship the LORD, the Great I AM, for His holiness and sufficiency. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His surpassing power and sufficiency as the self-existing God who saves sinners that trust in Him.*
- 2. How have you lived trying to avoid ever being needy, trusting in your own sufficiency? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to persuade you of His power and love.*
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for the wonder of His Grace to absorb the burning fire of His Father's holiness against your sin! Thank Him that He is the Great I AM who became human to save people like us!*
- 4. Who do you know that tries to live in a self-sufficient way? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make plain to them their vulnerability – and His power to save them if they would repent.*
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you repent of residual self-trust. Pray that He would help you grow more secure in His sufficiency as the Great I AM who saves, Who is with you and uses you to reach others.*