

**MOSES: A Leader's Discouragement**  
**Exodus 5 -6:13**

**This week's sermon is about discouragement.**

*Have you ever known someone who stepped out to obey God and then faced discouragement?*

*Do you think it is normal for Christian leaders and Christians to become discouraged?*

*Have you ever stepped out to obey God and, as a result, faced discouragement?*

*Is it surprising that sometimes an act of obedience leads to circumstances that are discouraging?*

*Do you think people have an unspoken expectation that if/when they obey God, God will make sure their circumstances get better? Does that sometimes happen? Does it always happen?*

**We see that when Moses faced discouragement, relating to his obedience, he wanted became bitter at what God had called him to do and wanted to quit?**

*Have you ever experienced a time when you wanted to quit something that God had called you to do? If so, did you quit? If you did not quit, what kept you from quitting?*

*Is it ever appropriate to quit because of discouragement?*

*How can we encourage others who may want to quit something that God has called them to do because of discouragement?*

**In this text, God tells Moses three things to do in his discouragement: wait, remember, persevere.**

*Which, if any, of those are the most challenging to do in times of discouragement?*

*Which, if any, of those can provide the most encouragement and peace in times of discouragement?*

*Why do you think each of the challenges (wait, remember, persevere) are necessary, important, and helpful in moving us out of discouragement as leaders?*