



# *unlikely*

God uses the ordinary to do the extraordinary.

WEEK 1  
NOVEMBER 10

**LIFE**  
**GROUPS**

# UNLIKELY

*But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"*

Exodus 3:11

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## GETTING STARTED

Tell of a time when you were asked to do something that you were fearful of doing. What was it? Why were you fearful? What did you do?

## STORY BACKGROUND

This week we learn more about the life of Moses prior to the book of Exodus. Moses was born of Levite parents at a time when the Pharaoh of Egypt was on a campaign to decrease the male population of Israel. Pharaoh decreed that all male Hebrew babies be cast into the Nile river (Exodus 1:22 & Acts 7:19). The name Moses means "he who draws out". By God's sovereign act, Moses was raised as a son of Pharaoh's daughter and as a member of the royal household in Egypt (Exodus 2:1-10). He was well educated in all knowledge. His education and upbringing resulted in his becoming "a man of power in words and deeds" (Acts 7:22 NASB).

When Moses was about forty years old, he experienced a personal crisis. He killed an Egyptian in defense of a fellow Israelite. After thinking the murder of the Egyptian became public knowledge, Moses feared for his life and fled to the land of Midian (Exodus 2:11-15).

Midian was the land north of Egypt and east of the Gulf of Aqaba. It occupied what is now the northwest corner of modern Saudi Arabia. It was settled by the line of Midian, a son of Abraham by his second wife after Sarah's death, Katurah (Genesis 25:1 & 4). Moses' first encounter in Midian was to help the daughters of Jethro, the Priest of Midian, water their father's flock after other shepherds had harassed them. Moses then lived and worked in Midian for about forty years. He married one of Jethro's daughters, Zipporah, had a family, and worked as a shepherd for his father-in-law (Exodus 2:18-22). During his time as a shepherd, Moses encountered a fiery bush which drastically changed the trajectory of his life.

# BEGINNINGS



**STORY:** Exodus 3:1-4:14 (Read aloud)

**MEMORY VERSE:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-27

*For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;*



**HEAD LEVEL:** These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.

- What were the two key tasks God gave to Moses?
- What were the two questions Moses asked after hearing God's request?
- What were some objections Moses presented to God? What provision did God make for Moses' perceived shortcomings?



**HEART LEVEL:** These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- In view of Moses' objections, what do you think he feared?
- Put into a similar situation, which part of the mission would concern you most? Why?
- What fears or beliefs do you carry from your past experiences that have limited your willingness or sense of ability to do things that God asks you to do?



**HANDS LEVEL:** These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.

- What are those things that you believe God has asked you to do but you have resisted doing?
- What can be a first step in dealing with the fears and limiting beliefs that hold you back from doing things that God asks you to do?
- What accountability might you need in order to grow in obedience and where might you find it?

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**Next Week's Life Group:** Unlikely Deliverer

**Next Week's Story:** Judges 6:1-8:35

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### **Our Church's Definition of a Biblical Disciple of Jesus**

A person who is committed to *following, being changed by, and on mission* with Jesus (taken from Matthew 4:19).

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### **The Purpose of Life Groups**

Life Groups are where we connect with God and with others through relationships – growing in spiritual maturity as biblical disciples of Jesus and inspiring a culture of discipleship as we do life together. Life Groups are loving, safe, and interactive places where people can be authentic and vulnerable as they explore, experience, serve, and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Word, and others. (*Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11*)

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