UNEXPECTED LEADERS Reading Plans

Week 4: June24, 2018 MOSES

<u>Day 1</u>-READ: **Exodus 3:1-6**

REFLECT: While we may not ever come face to face with our Lord in a burning bush, the Bible promises, and Christians experience God's presence in many other ways. Reflect on those times when you are confident that God had made himself known to you. If you have not yet had this experience, take a moment to write down the actions that you can take to become more open to the Spirit.

PRAY: Lord, soften our hearts and provide us the good sense and the faith that we need to recognize your callings, directions and interventions in our day to day lives. We praise you, we love you and we know that you are with us. Help us to be open to your Spirit.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: <u>The Read Scripture Series</u> by The Bible Project has summary videos on Right Now Media for all the books of the Bible. Watch Exodus part 1 through Deuteronomy to get a good overall picture of the life of Moses. (If you do not yet have an account for RNM, email <u>sarah@whoisgrace.com</u> to get set up)

Day 2-READ: Exodus 3:7-10

REFLECT: How does this passage demonstrate God's inexhaustible love and concern for our wellbeing? What does God promise us in Jesus?

PRAY: Father, remind us that you are always in control and in full knowledge of our needs, both large and small. Forgive us when we insist upon deliverance from our pain and troubles on our time schedule. We confess that we are often blind to your plans for us; help us to trust you, even in our struggles.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: <u>The Life of Moses</u> from Right Now Media with your young children and then have a conversation with them about who Moses was and what God did in and through his life. Encourage their hearts- God has a big plan for their lives too!

Day 3 READ: **Exodus 3:11-13**

REFLECT: Consider Moses' character:

-What do we know about Moses's life up to this point?

-How quickly did Moses embrace God's plan for him?

-Consider the vast transformation we see in the life of this Godly man

PRAY: Father God, you are our creator and King. Make us to be more like you every day. Show us opportunities to serve you, especially make plain your plans for us to lead and influence others in their quest to follow Jesus.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "Don't Feel Qualified For Your Calling?" from desiringgod.org.

Day 4 READ: Exodus 4:1-9

REFLECT: What signs did God provide Moses to convince Pharaoh that God had sent him? Rethink your strengths and consider what gifts, and even signs, has God given to you to do his will?

PRAY: God we thank you for the many blessings you've given us. Help us to be always aware that our gifts and strengths are God given, not of our own doing. Help us to seek ways to put these gifts to work in our lives. Help us to lead others via the gifts you've given us.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "<u>The Humble Leader</u>", an article from thegospelcoalition.org. For a woman's perspective read "<u>If He Calls You, He Will Equip You</u>".

Day 5 READ: Exodus 4:10-17

REFLECT: Moses stirs up God's wrath as he attempts to decline God's plan for him. However, God is full of grace and offers Aaron as a solution to Moses stated weakness. Has God placed any individuals in your life that provide needed support to you as you work to serve Him? As in yesterday's reflection, thank the Lord for these people and try to remain aware that God placed these people in your life so that you are better able to serve Him.

PRAY: Lord, keep me conscious of my blessings, especially the family, friends and coworkers that you have provided to me that keep me on the path to Jesus. Let the kindness and consideration of these persons be a constant reminder to me of your kindness, grace and love.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Joshua 1:1-18.

REFLECT: Joshua was Moses' protégé. How had learning and leading under Moses prepared him to lead the people of Israel?