

# The People God Uses

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Exodus 2-4

The people God uses are all \_\_\_\_\_.

The people God uses are often \_\_\_\_\_.

The people God uses are always \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

## Exodus 2:11-4:15

<sup>2:11</sup> One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. <sup>12</sup> He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." <sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.

<sup>23</sup> During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. <sup>24</sup> And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

<sup>3:10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

<sup>4:1</sup> Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'"

<sup>4:10</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup> Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." <sup>13</sup> But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." <sup>14</sup> Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. <sup>15</sup> You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. (ESV)

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**Open:** What are some prominent memories you have of Moses?

**Read & Discuss:** Exodus 2

1. God intended to deliver his people from bondage in Egypt based on his covenant with Abraham (2:23-25) Why was this covenant so important? (see Genesis 12:1-3).
2. As you read about the circumstances of Moses' birth in 2:1-10, what do you learn about God? Are there ways you can see that God was at work in your past? Explain.
3. According to Acts 7:25, what was Moses' motive when he intervened in the beating of a Hebrew slave by an Egyptian (Exodus 2:11-15)? What might this incident reveal about Moses' character at this time? Have there been occasions when you tried to do something you thought was good, but didn't seek God's wisdom in it? If so, what did you learn from that experience?

**Read & Discuss:** Exodus 3-4

4. After being called by God to play a role in delivering Israel from bondage (3:1-10), Moses resists God's call. List the four main excuses Moses gives for not being willing to serve in this role (3:11-4:13). Are any of these excuses ones you have used (or been tempted to use) to avoid serving God in some way? Explain.
5. What do God's responses to Moses' hesitation tell us about the character of God? How have you experienced this aspect of God in your life?
6. According to 4:21, God planned to harden Pharaoh's heart. This is the first of eleven references to God's hardening of Pharaoh's heart. Why do you think God did this? (see 3:19; 7:35; Romans 9:14-18) What might characterize someone with a hardened heart? How would you try to minister to someone in this condition?

**Apply:** Are there currently any situations where you are doubting God's ability to use you? How should the example of Moses encourage you to step out in faith.

**Pray:** Pray that we would be a people who are willing to trust God to use us for His purpose despite our natural limitations.