



"Fear of Failure"

January 30 - February 5, 2011

PRAYER

Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer.

OPENER

What does it take to get you up in the morning? Where have you had your most unusual or significant experience with God?

READ

Read Exodus 3:1 - 4:12

REFLECT:

Though he was an Israelite by birth, Moses was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter. After killing an Egyptian slave driver who was beating an Israelite slave, Moses fled to Midian – where he got married and became a shepherd. According to Acts 7:23-30, Moses was 40 years old when he fled from Egypt and 80 years old when this story occurred.

STUDY

1. How do you think Moses felt when God called his name from the burning bush? (caught, scared, in awe, amazed, stunned, curious, confused, surprised)
2. Why do you think God revealed himself to Moses in this way? (for dramatic effect, to get his undivided attention, to give him an experience to remember when he had doubts, to demonstrate His power)
3. Why do you suppose Moses questioned God? (He was unsure of himself, he didn't like the sound of the job, he was unsure the Israelites would accept him, he was afraid of going back and facing Pharaoh)

4. What reassurances does God give him? How does "I AM" uniquely designate God?
5. Who is responsible for carrying out God's plan? What is the part to be played by God? Moses?
6. If God were to identify himself as "I AM _____" how would He fill in the blank for you?

Four Lessons For Us To Learn From Moses' Fear:

1. **We can always learn from our fear.**
2. **Don't let your fears incapacitate you .**
3. **The road to success is checkered by many failure.s**
4. **Remember, success is about God's will not our will.**

What challenge is God calling you to today that would frighten you? (a closer walk with Him, a new vocation, to trust His leading, other _____?)

- A. **Is the call you feel consistent with God's work?** (God would never ask you to do something outside the biblical command)
- B. **Is that call confirmed by godly people who know you well?** (What kind of verifications do you get from Christians who are close to you?)
- C. **Is it a call in an area of your giftedness and your passion?** (Do you really have a heart for that?)

How can this group pray for you?