



"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 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?
2. Why do you think God revealed himself to Moses in this way?
3. Why do you suppose Moses questioned God?
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 failures.**
4. **Remember, success is about God's will not our will.**

What challenge is God calling you to today that would frighten you?

A. *Is the call you feel consistent with God's work?*

B. *Is that call confirmed by godly people who know you well?*

C. *Is it a call in an area of your giftedness and your passion?*

How can this group pray for you?