



On January 7, we kicked off a semester-long series, walking through the book of Exodus. So far, we've learned about the Israelite people and their slavery to the Egyptians and Moses' early life as a child during this season. We've also seen Moses on the run after killing an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite. Eventually, Moses settles in Midian as a fugitive in a new land where he starts a new life and a family. While tending his flocks in the wilderness, he encounters God in a holy moment through a burning bush. During this moment, God laid out His calling for Moses – a calling Moses protested because he felt he wasn't the man for the job despite God's promise to go with him. Today, we're considering the following: "When You Don't Feel Like You Can Do What God Has Called You to Do." Have you ever had to wrestle with that thought?

Key Passage: Exodus 4:1-17

Discussion Questions:

1. It's easy to reflect on Moses' life and see him as a spiritual giant in the Bible. After all, he saw the power of God on display in ways that few people have ever seen in history. Yet, his story doesn't begin from a place of confidence – nor does it always go smoothly. How do these honest stories in the Bible regarding the giants of the faith encourage your faith?
2. In Exodus 4:1, we see Moses again verbalize his doubt regarding God's calling on his life. Moses imagined the elders of Israel wouldn't respond to his leadership even though God had already made it clear that they would.
 - a. How has this kind of doubt shown up in your life?
 - b. What promises have you struggled to confidently stand on when facing a faith decision?
 - c. God gave Moses three tangible signs to perform before the elders of Israel to assure them that God had indeed sent Moses to them. What lesson(s) did Moses learn from these three signs?
 - d. How can reflecting on God's faithfulness in our past help strengthen our faith when it comes to our future?
3. In verses 10-12, we see Moses again highlight his shortcomings and how they're an obvious (to him) barrier to his ability to fulfill God's calling upon his life. All Moses can see is how he doesn't measure up to what he imagines is necessary. How has this kind of thinking been a part of your story? How can accepting the reality of your limitations help you fulfill God's calling rather than hinder you?
4. In verses 13-17, we see Moses' final protest, "Please, please, please send someone else". Why do you think Moses was still unwilling to go after all God had already promised and demonstrated? Why is it a temptation on our part to prefer that other people step up? What do these final verses teach us about how God uses people in our lives to help us fulfill our calling?