

# YOUR PAST & GOD'S PLANS

THE WAY | A Journey Through Exodus  
PART ONE | OUT

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## INTRODUCTION

- **MOSES**- In the Egyptian language means "to give birth" and related in Hebrew to the verb "To lift out"- The idea is 'to deliver' God's people.
- Moses is one of Israel's greatest leaders and most highly respected men of God.
- Yet Moses' first attempt at deliverance was in his own strength, and it failed.

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- God's plans are to include us in His works.
  - The idea is to find out what God is doing, and get on board.
  - It's not as much about finding God's plan for my life, as it is coordinating my life into God's plan for the world.
- If we are not careful we can fall into the same 4 objections that Moses put forth for why he resisted doing God's work in God's plan.

## #1: WHO AM I?

### EXODUS 3:11-12

- Many of us resist getting involved in God's work because we believe that we are not worthy of it. We say, "***I don't have what it takes***" to do God's work. And we are right!
- Only God has what it takes to do God's work! Apart from Him, we can do nothing! (John 15:5)

## #2: WHO IS GOD?

### EXODUS 3:13-15

- God is the ever-present Great "I AM"- He is uncaused and independent- He is "***all that we need all the time!***"
- Because God is self-sufficient, all-powerful, and always there, we have what we need to do His work. You plus God = a majority!

## #3: WHAT DO I HAVE

### EXODUS 4:1-2

- 'What is in your hand?' Moses had a staff that God would turn into a snake, and he would raise over the Red Sea to part it!
- What has God already given to us that He will want to use for His power and His glory? What are your natural abilities, gifts, or resources? Put them to God's use under God's power!

## **#4: WHAT CAN I DO?**

### **EXODUS 4:10,13**

- God already knows our shortcomings, weaknesses, and inadequacies, and not only is He willing to work with us, He perfects His power in those very things! He chooses the foolish things to confound the wise (1 Cor. 1:27).

## **SO, WHAT IS IN OUR HANDS?**

**IN·FLU·ENCE-** the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone or something.

## **SEVEN POINTS OF INFLUENCE**

- Everybody influences somebody
- Influence is not about you
- Faith is indispensable to influence
- The Pathway of influence is service
- The Price of influence is criticism
- The Prize of influence is more influence
- The point is to use our influence to do the work of God that He has given to us to do.