



Your Past & God's Plans
Exodus: The Way Out | A Journey Through Exodus
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Warm Up: Moses' name means 'to give birth' or 'to lift out.' He lived out his God-given destiny to lift out God's people from slavery in Egypt. Did anyone tell you what your name meant growing up? In what ways could this be important for a child and his development?

- 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. (See **Exodus 2:11-14**)
 - What area of your life are you most tempted to operate in your own strength? (Relationships? Parenting? Work? Finances? Managing your time, or in some other area of life?) How so?
 - Are you able to discern whether you are operating in God's strength and plan or your own? What kinds of differences distinguish the two?
- Moses put forth four objections when God tapped him for his all-important assignment of delivering God's people from slavery. These objections are summarized below. Read the correlating verses and answer the questions provided.
 - **Who am I? (Ex. 3:11,12)** Many of us get stifled in God's work because we believe, "I don't have what it takes." What is God's answer to this mentality? (See 3:12)
 - **Who is God? (Ex. 3:13-15)** Sometimes we question God's power, love, or sufficiency. What about God's self-revelation in these verses stands out?
 - **What do I have? (Ex. 4:1,2)** What is something you possess (a skill, natural ability, wiring, passion etc.) that you believe could *better* be utilized in this season of life for His purposes?
 - **What can I do? (Ex. 4:10-13)** Correlate Moses' objections about what he felt he *was* or *wasn't* able to do with Paul's words of wisdom in **1 Corinthians 1:26-27**. How have you experienced God's grace and power in the midst of your weakness?
- Not only are we to be good managers of our affluence (money, and material possessions) but also of our influence (See Matt. 25:14-30). Discuss each of the 7 points brought up about influence from Sunday's message. Which of these resonates most deeply with you?
 1. *Everybody influences somebody*
 2. Influence is not about you
 3. Faith is indispensable to influence
 4. The Pathway of influence is service
 5. The Price of influence is criticism
 6. The Prize of influence is more influence
 7. The point is to use our influence to do the work of God that He has given to us to do.

Wrap Up: Is God moving around you in a way that keeps getting your attention? Have you considered joining into that movement, whatever it may be? What is holding you back?