Calling & Fear

Moses's calling

Ex 3:10-12
- Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Moses's fear
Who am I?

- And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

God's answer
"I am"

- And he said, Certainly I will be with thee, and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Calling & Fear

Moses

- Who am I? (Ex 3:11)
- Who is God? (Ex 3:13)
- What if they do not believe me? (Ex 4:1)
- Do I have the ability? (Ex 4:10)
- Do I have to go it alone? (Ex 4:13)

God

- My Presence will be with you.
- I AM who I AM.
- I will be strong for you.
- I have created your abilities.
- I will send you a helper.

What if I fail at my calling?

- For example: I'm called to provide for my family and I lost my job.

Encouragement at two levels

Physical
- "You have many gifts. I'm confident something will open up for you."

Spiritual
- "Your worth/identity is in Christ. You are a cherished son of God."

Support vs. Isolation

Ex 17:12-13

- But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
- And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Male Relationships are Key

Phil 2:25
25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.
**Round table activity**

- Choose a fear, how would you encourage a brother with that fear?

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**Assessive vs. Complacency**

Ex 32:10-14

- Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

10 And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?  
11 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.  
12 And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

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**Casting Vision**

- Think about your “area of influence.”
  - What has God called you to do in this area?
  - What are you actually doing in this area?

Vision Activity:

- Complete the *Casting Vision* personal activity by identifying an area to be more assertive.

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**Open vs. Hidden Failure**

Num 20:11-12

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.  
12 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

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**The Lesson of Grace**

Grace: undeserved favor

“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” John 1:16

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Grace Activity

Who needs me to explain grace?
Who needs me to extend grace to them?
Who should observe me receiving grace?

Remembrance vs. Forgotten

Beliefs and teachings
Life story

Beliefs and teachings are made compelling through life's occurrences.

Remembrance vs. Forgotten

Deut. 6:20-21

20 And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you? 21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

Sharing Your Story to Others

Activity:
- **Tell your story:** (10 min)
- **Example:** Duet 6:20-25
- **Directions** – take 5 minutes to write your beginnings. Take 5 minutes and share your beginnings with a partner.

Rewarded End

34 And Moses went up ... to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the Lord shewed him all the land ... 4 And the Lord said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed ... 5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. 6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. 10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel. Taken from Deut 34: 1-12

Because of his failure.
His leadership was first personal.