

Sermon Outline

THE COMMISSIONING | Geoff Lin

Readings: Exodus 2:11-4:18

Bible Timeline: From Genesis to Revelation						
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Gen 1-11	Gen 12-50	Ex - Deut	Joshua - Malachi			Matt - Rev
Creation	Fall	The Story of Israel				Jesus
Adam and Eve Cain and Abel Noah's Ark Tower of Babel	Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Out of Egypt	Into the Promised Land	Monarchy and Temple	Exile to Babylon	

Episode 1: God's promises to Abraham in Gen 12 (land, great nation, blessing) because **we belong to a bigger and better story ...**

Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

1. An identity crisis (2:11-22)

- "his own people"
- "Gershom" sounds like "a foreigner there" in Hebrew

2. "God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them" (2:23-25)

"God heard ... God remembered ..."

Q. Why did God take so long to intervene?

Acts 7:30 After 40 years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai.

Ex 7:7 Moses was 80 years old and Aaron 83 when they spoke to Pharaoh.

3. God calls Moses (3:1-10)

- Horeb = Mt Sinai
- the not-burning bush is a "theophany" = visible manifestation of God

4. What will Moses do? (3:11-4:17)

- "But I'm nobody" (3:11-12)
 - "I AM WHO I AM" = "I am me" = "I am I"
 - "articles of silver and gold and clothing"
- "But I don't even know your name, God" (3:13-22)
 - "But what if YOUR people don't believe me?" (4:1-9)
- "But I don't like public speaking" (4:10-12)
- "Please just send someone else!" (4:13-17)
 - "Aaron is already on his way to meet you ..."

5. Moses returns to his own people in Egypt ... (4:18)

So what, for us?

1. God uses weak vessels to achieve His purposes

2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

2. What promises of God have been precious for you?

2 Cor 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Cor 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.