

OUR STRUGGLE TO LIVE BY FAITH

Exodus 4:18-31

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- If you had a million dollars to do whatever you wanted with, what would you do with it?
- Talk about a time in your life when you feel like your faith was strongest. Why do you think it was strongest during that time?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last week. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Exodus 4:18-31. In his message, Pastor Pat gave us **three questions to answer during times of struggle**.

Moses gave God Five Excuses, and God gave Moses Five Responses:

1. Moses: Who am I? God: It's not who you are but Whose you are!
2. Moses: Who are You? God: I Am!
3. Moses: They're not going to believe me. God: I'll make you believable.
4. Moses: I'm not eloquent. God: I made you the way you are an I'll tell you what to say.
5. Moses: I don't want to. God: I'll cover for your weaknesses

Which of the above excuses do you relate with? When are you tempted to use these excuses most?

Three Questions in your struggle to live by faith:

1. What's in your hand? (Exodus 4:2, 20)

- a. What are some activities you do for a living, for fun, or as a passion? Painting? Music? Architecture? Medicine? Home Business? Athletics? Stay-at-home-parent?
 - Every vocation is a divine vocation in the hands of God. How can you use the opportunities God has given you to make more people more like Jesus?
- b. Men, God has given you a unique opportunity to lead in our community, in your marriage, and in your family. What are you doing to show that you're taking this privilege seriously?

2. What's in your mouth? (1 Corinthians 2:1-4)

- a. How often do you think about the way you use your words? This week, how can you make sure your words glorify God instead of glorifying yourself?
- b. Have you ever experienced God's grace by talking with someone about Jesus when you didn't think you could? Encourage your group with the story.

3. What's in your heart? (Romans 10:9-10)

- a. The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart. Are there times when you've hardened your heart to what God was leading you to do? How would you respond if you could live that time over?
- b. Tell your group about how you came to "confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead."

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Has your heart truly been changed by God? Confess your callousness and live by faith!

