

Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

"Moses" | The Story of Us series

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"It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin."

Summary

Pastor Brady delivered a sermon focusing on the story of the great Old Testament prophet and leader Moses, highlighting how God uses ordinary, imperfect people for undeniably extraordinary purposes. He emphasized that we are all part of a 5,000-year-old story of faith and redemption that since the beginning has featured men and women just like us: frail, fallible, often afraid. But throughout every plot point, there has stood God, his presence going before us, hemming us in around and behind, comforting us as we take one step after another along righteousness's path.

Opening Prayer

"Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss your Word, open our hearts and minds to receive what you want to teach us through the story of Moses. Help us to see ourselves in this story and understand how you can use even our weaknesses for your glory. Guide our discussion and help us to grow closer to you ... and to each other. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

Getting Going

What's the most memorable rescue story you've ever heard or experienced personally?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of the following questions as time and interest permit.

- 1. In your own life, how have you see God work through people you would consider unlikely conduits of his comfort and grace?
- 2. Think of a "wilderness experience" you have endured. How did you experience God's presence amid an uncertain, unsettling time?
- 3. What do you think most distinguishes God's people from others in today's world? What should?
- 4. How do you prioritize God's presence—the ancients would have called it "practicing" his presence—in your daily life?
- 5. What is one concrete way that you can cultivate a greater hunger for God's presence during this season of your life?

Making It Personal

This week, act on your response to question 5, above.

Also, before starting your day or making important decisions, pause and pray as Moses did, "If your presence does not go with me, don't send me ahead." Journal about how this practice changes your perspective, your effectiveness, and your confidence in walking by faith.

Key Takeaways

Which of these points will you carry with you this week?

- Every woman has a vital part in God's story.
- Every baby deserves a rescue and has value in God's eyes.
- Wilderness experiences can become holy ground if we're open to God.
- God's presence is the most essential element of our faith journey.
- God works in and through us despite our imperfections.

Closing Prayer

"Lord, thank you for being here with us. Help us to value your presence above all else and to be carriers of that presence wherever we go. Give us courage to stand for what's right and to trust you in our wilderness seasons. May we, like Moses, be transformed by your presence as we reflect to others your light. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

Key Passage | Exodus 33:15

"Then Moses said to him [speaking to God], 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.'" (NIV)

Passages for Further Study

- Exodus 1:12
- Exodus 2:5-10
- Exodus 3:4-6

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