

MOSES: Eyes on the Invisible I Am Who I Am

When God approaches and reveals, we tend to run and hide...

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8)

God reveals, God calls and Moses ducks...

Then He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. (Exod. 3:6)

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt. (Exod. 3:10)

- **The struggle of identity: Who am I?** – "But Moses said to God, 'Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'" (Exod. 3:11)

The counter: trust in His presence – "And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be a sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'" (Exod. 3:12)

- **The struggle of faith: Who are you?** – "Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (Exod. 3:13-14)

The counter: trust in His promises – "And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites – a land flowing with milk and honey." (Exod. 3:17)

- **The struggle of worry: What if they?** – "Moses answered, 'What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" (Exod. 4:1)

¶ **Sometimes we're so worried about what "might" happen that we ignore what God said "will" happen** – "The elders of Israel will listen to you." (Exod. 3:18a)

The counter: trust in His power – "Then the LORD said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' 'A staff,' he replied. The LORD said, 'Throw it on the ground.' Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the LORD said to him, 'Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.' So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand." (Exod. 4:2-4)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. (Heb. 11:1-2)