

Study Guide

Suggested Prayer before You Begin: Dear Lord, as I study how You called Moses, help me remember that You call me also. Jesus died for me that I might be Your own and serve You. Let me learn not just interesting facts but vital truths that will help me grow in faith. Amen.

Read & Reflect: Begin by reading **Exodus 3 and 4** straight through, as you would the chapters of any book. Then, consider the study questions as you reflect upon what you read.

1. What was Moses doing when he came upon the burning bush? When you think about it, how was this useful in preparing Moses for the assignment God was giving him?
2. Moses felt unqualified to be the rescuer of Israel. What promise did God make? (**verse 12**)
3. What would Moses give up by leaving Midian?
4. What might Moses expect to face upon his return to Egypt? (**see Exodus 2:15 and Exodus 4:1**)
5. What reassurance did God give Moses to counteract his fears? (**see Exodus 3:18, 3:21 and 4:19**)
6. While Moses thinks of all the ways his return to Egypt could go badly, God—the great I AM—explains how He Himself will deliver His people. Read through **Exodus 3:16–21** and circle all the “I” statements God makes about Himself. List as many as you find here.
7. To strengthen Moses’ confidence, God immediately empowered him to do two miraculous signs. God told Moses to use what he had – his shepherd’s rod and his own hand. What might we learn from this experience?

8. **Read Exodus 4:1–17** | Despite overwhelming evidence of a call from God, Moses gave excuses. Fill in the five excuses and God's assurances.

Excuse

God's Assurance

a. **Exodus 3:11-12**

Who am I to...

b. **Exodus 3:13-14**

What if they ask me...

c. **Exodus 4:1-9**

What if they don't...

d. **Exodus 4:10-16**

I'm just not good at...

e. **Exodus 4:13-17**

Please Lord, send...

9. *For personal reflection; sharing optional.* Do you detect a shift in Moses' attitude? "I can't" is inching toward "I won't." It wasn't Moses' insecurities that made God angry, it was his resistance to trust God and take Him at His word. Can you identify with Moses here? In what way?

For every weakness we can name, God's answer remains the same. Instead of simply copying each verse below, personalize them. What is God saying to you?

Psalm 32:8

Isaiah 41:10

2 Corinthians 12:9

10. What further encouragement did Moses and Aaron receive when they met with the elders of Israel? (**Exodus 4:29-31**)

God identified Himself to Moses as "I AM." Centuries later Jesus identified Himself as God using the term "I AM." Look up the following references and complete the statements Jesus begins by saying as "I AM..." Meditate on the joy, power, and wonder of each and respond to Jesus in words or thoughts of thanks and praise.

John 8:12

John 10:7

John 10:11

John 11:25

John 14:6