

THE CALL TO LEAD – MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Key Truth: God calls leaders before they feel ready.

“Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people... out of Egypt.” — Exodus 3:10

1. Leadership Begins with God’s Initiative

Moses wasn’t looking for leadership—God came looking for him. He was living a quiet, ordinary life when God interrupted it with a calling.

Scripture:

- “God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’” — Exodus 3:4
- “You did not choose me, but I chose you...” — John 15:16

Ask yourself:

- Am I open to God interrupting my plans?
- Where might God already be calling me to step up?

Bottom Line:

Leadership starts with God’s call, not your plan.

2. God Uses Humble, Inadequate People

Moses immediately listed his weaknesses: “Who am I?” He didn’t feel qualified—but that’s exactly who God uses.

Scripture:

- “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?” — Exodus 3:11
- “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” — 2 Corinthians 12:9

Ask yourself:

- What excuses am I using to avoid stepping up?
- Do I trust God’s ability more than my limitations?

Bottom Line:

Your weakness doesn’t disqualify you—it positions you for God’s power.

3. Calling Is Greater Than Career

Moses had a stable life in Midian. God called him into something bigger—but harder. Leadership isn’t about comfort or advancement—it’s about obedience.

Scripture:

- “So Moses went back to Jethro... and said, ‘Please let me go back...’” — Exodus 4:18
- “Seek first the kingdom of God...” — Matthew 6:33

Ask yourself:

- Am I choosing comfort over calling?
- What would obedience look like right now?

Bottom Line:

A career may provide a living, but a calling gives your life purpose.

TRUE EXAMPLE: MOSES HIMSELF

Moses went from shepherd to deliverer—not because he was capable, but because he was available.

He doubted, hesitated, and even argued with God (Exodus 4).
Yet God used him to confront Pharaoh, lead a nation, and shape history.

What changed? Not Moses' ability—God's presence.
"I will be with you." — Exodus 3:12

Lesson:

Great leaders aren't those who feel ready—they are those who say yes.

PRACTICAL STEPS FOR MEN**This Week:**

1. **Listen for God's voice** — Set aside quiet time (Psalm 46:10)
2. **Identify your excuses** — Write them down and surrender them (Exodus 4:10–13)
3. **Take one step of obedience** — Even if it feels small (James 1:22)
4. **Trust God's presence** — Not your ability (Exodus 3:12)

FINAL CHALLENGE

God is still calling men today—not just to positions, but to purpose.

"Moses said, 'Here I am.'" — Exodus 3:4

The difference-maker isn't talent.
It's availability.

The question isn't: Am I capable?

The question is: Am I willing?

If you answer God's call,
He will shape you into the leader He wants you to be.