

Sermon Notes

HIStory and Your Story

October 12-13th, 2019

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **HIStory and Your Story**
- This series we go through the major events and people of the Bible. (We will miss a lot!!)
 - o Read your Bible for yourself. If you believe it and do it, your life will change for the better.
- **Moses**
 - o 400+ years after Jacob comes Moses. Joseph – Egypt has been good and bad. Now time to go.
 - o Moses' life could be split up into three 40 year periods.
 - 1st 40 years in Pharaoh's palace. Rescued by Pharaoh's daughter and raised in luxury.
 - 2nd 40 years in Midian. Ran from Egypt. Settled down and farmed.
 - 3rd 40 years in the Dessert. Brought out the nation, but wandered and didn't enter.
 - o We will look at two events: Moses' call and a heavy ministry burden.
- Moses' Call. **Exodus 3:1-4:15**
 - o Question after question, excuse after excuse...but God answers patiently until **Ex 4:13!**
 - Why? God will work with your insecurity and fear, but you must answer the call!
 - o At some point we all have to step out in faith! You won't be ready. That's normal.
 - Other ditch: But prepare as best as you can!! Avoid presumption and laziness!
 - o It's not just Moses who was called, you are called too. **1 Corinthians 12:27**
 - You are part of the Body! You are called! The Bush Always Burns.
 - o Some are afraid to answer the call because they feel ill equipped or overwhelmed, etc.
 - What would it mean for you to fully surrender your life to the will of God?
 - But relax, Jesus said **Matthew 11:28-30.**
 - Was that Moses' experience??? NO! Why? Two reasons.
 - First, he was leading a stiff necked people.
 - Second, Moses needed to learn some management skills.
- An Unnecessarily Heavy Burden. **Exodus 18:13-24**
 - o Moses couldn't see it, but Jethro could. There was a way for Moses to get some balance.
 - Look for the ways you can get your life into balance. God will help you if you listen!
 - o How do we make the Christian life manageable?
 - Personally you can do two things:
 - First, put the other yokes down. Just carry what Jesus has put on you.
 - Second, do the things that give you energy and build you up.
 - What about for pastors? People like Moses? Today's church leaders and staff?
 - Moses appointed many helpers to judge the 2,000,000+ Israelites.
 - In the church, what if every Christian served, tithed, and stayed?
 - o What could we get done?
 - o What would it be like to be a Minister? I'd like to find out!!!
- If you are a Christian, then **1 Corinthians 12:27** applies to you. **1 Corinthians 12:26** applies to us all.
 - o Answer the call. If we all do, then we can all rejoice together!
- Pray for each other before you finish up!