

# GOD'S RESCUE PLAN

A dramatic scene of a path of sand leading through a sea of blue waves towards a bright light in the sky. The path is made of ripples in the sand, leading from the bottom center towards the horizon. The waves are a deep blue color, and the sky is a lighter blue with a bright, glowing light source in the center, creating a lens flare effect.

A Journey Through Exodus

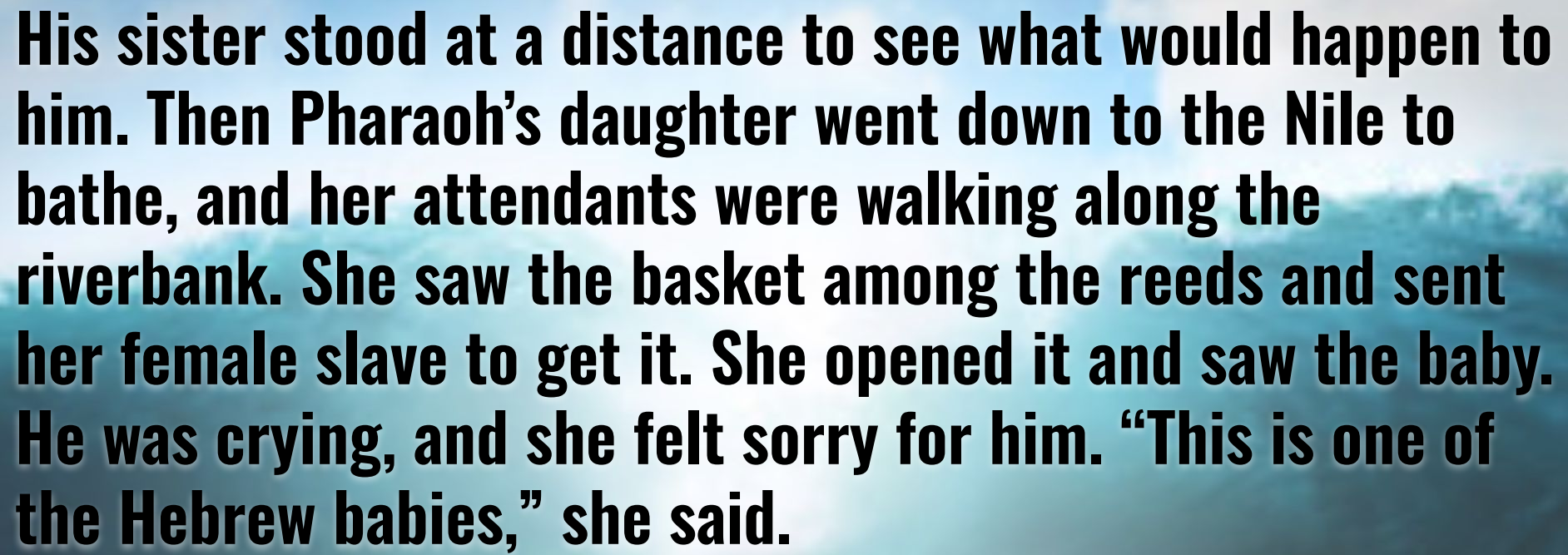
# The Punchline

**Don't be used by another person, be  
a person used by God**

**Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.**

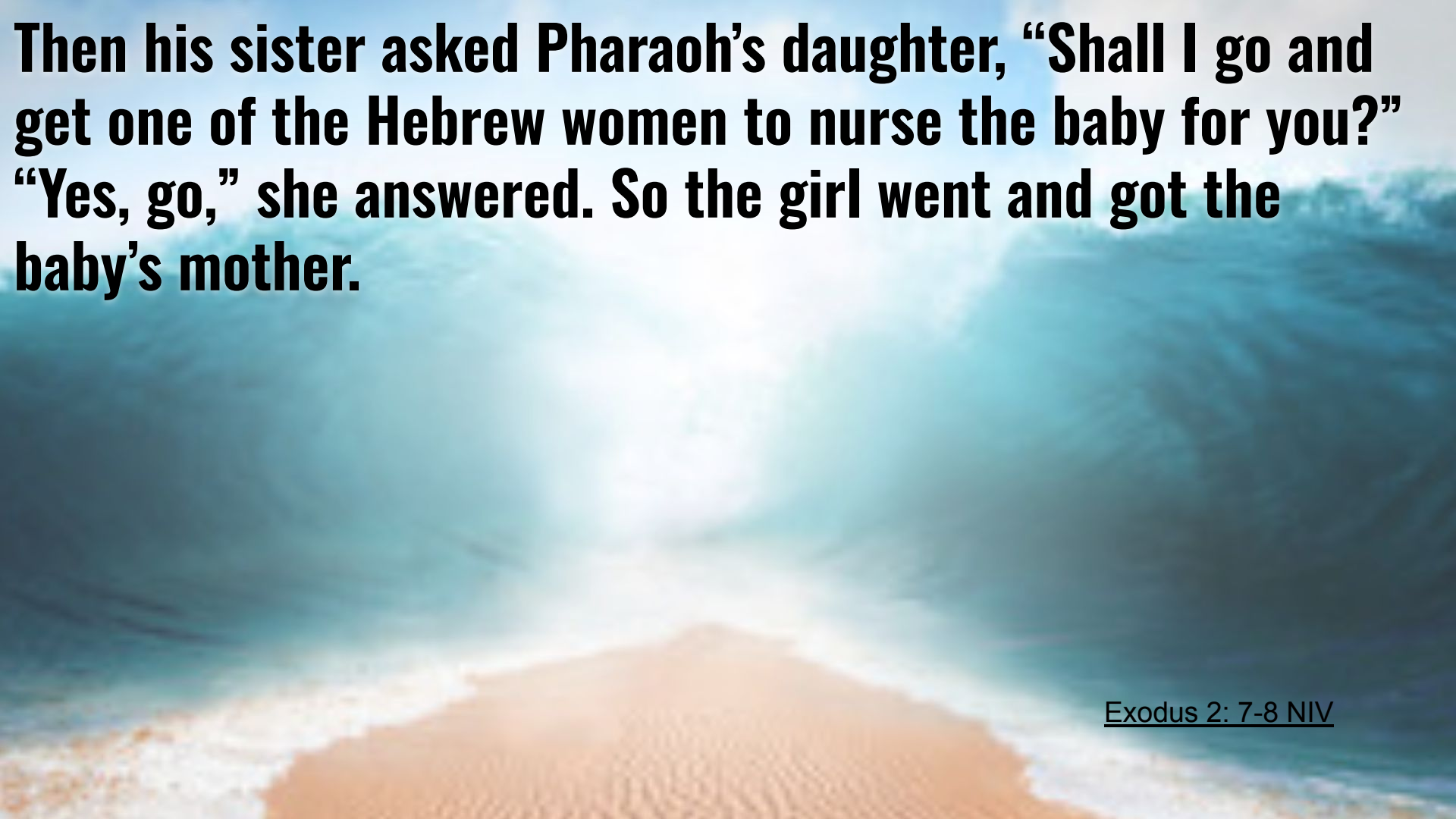
Exodus 2: 1-3 NIV





**His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.**

Exodus 2: 4-6 NIV



**Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother.**

Exodus 2: 7-8 NIV

**Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."**

Exodus 2: 9-10 NIV

# God Sets Apart - Protection

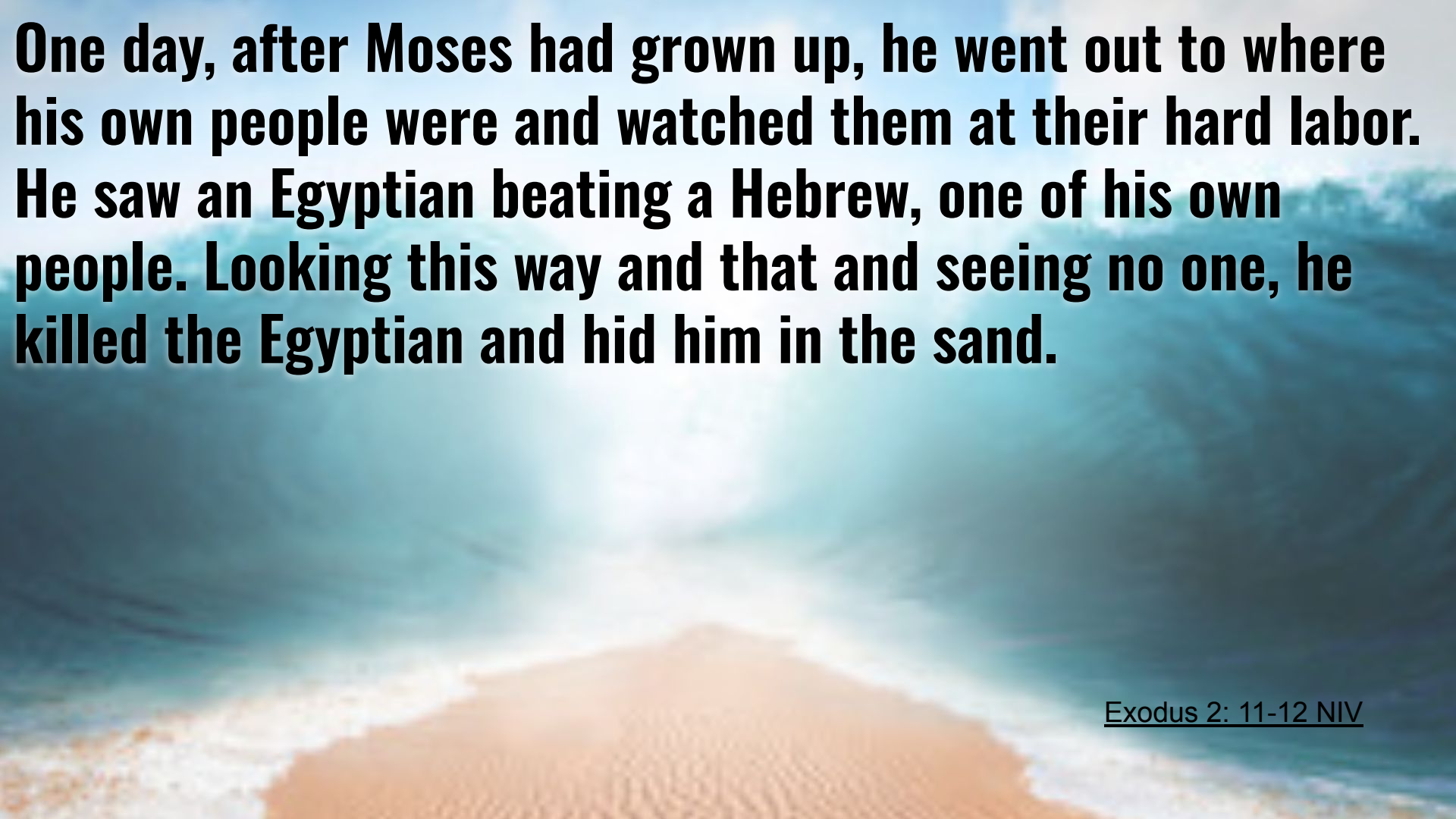
- **Baby boys are supposed to be killed**
- **Moses' mother chooses to hide him in a basket in the river**
- **Miriam watches over him**
- **Pharaoh's daughter "adopts" him**



# Protect the Egg







**One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.**

Exodus 2: 11-12 NIV

**The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, “Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?” The man said, “Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and thought, “What I did must have become known.”**

Exodus 2: 13-14 NIV

# God Sets Apart - Passion

- Moses seeks out his people
- Sees an Israelite being beaten
- Intervenes in a fight between Israelites
- Passion from God is already burning

# Passion



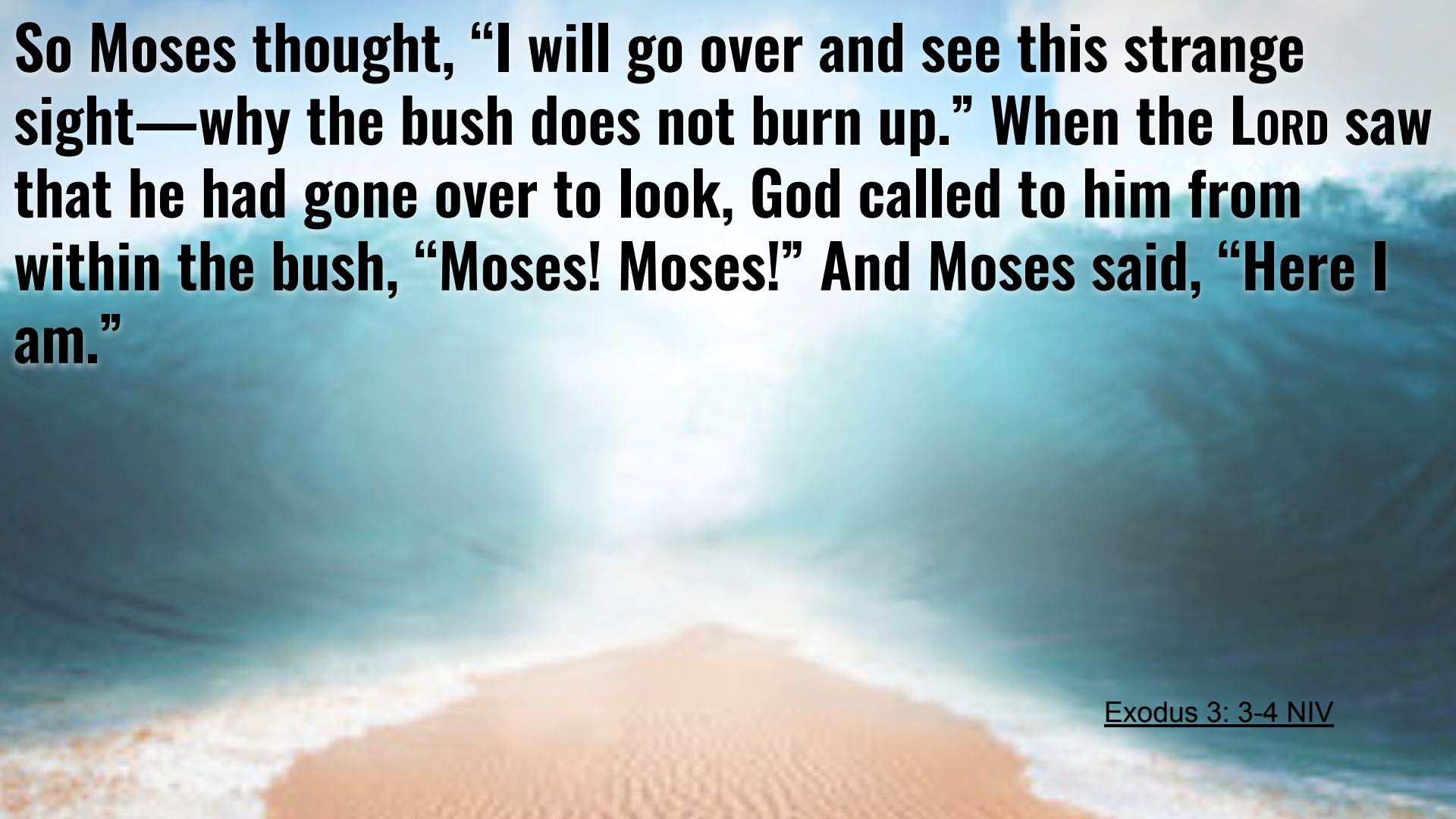


# God Sets Us Apart

- God protects us in many ways
- Passion: “A strong and barely controllable emotion”
- Where are your passions?
- If your passion is set apart by God, He’ll set apart the people that need to be affected by it

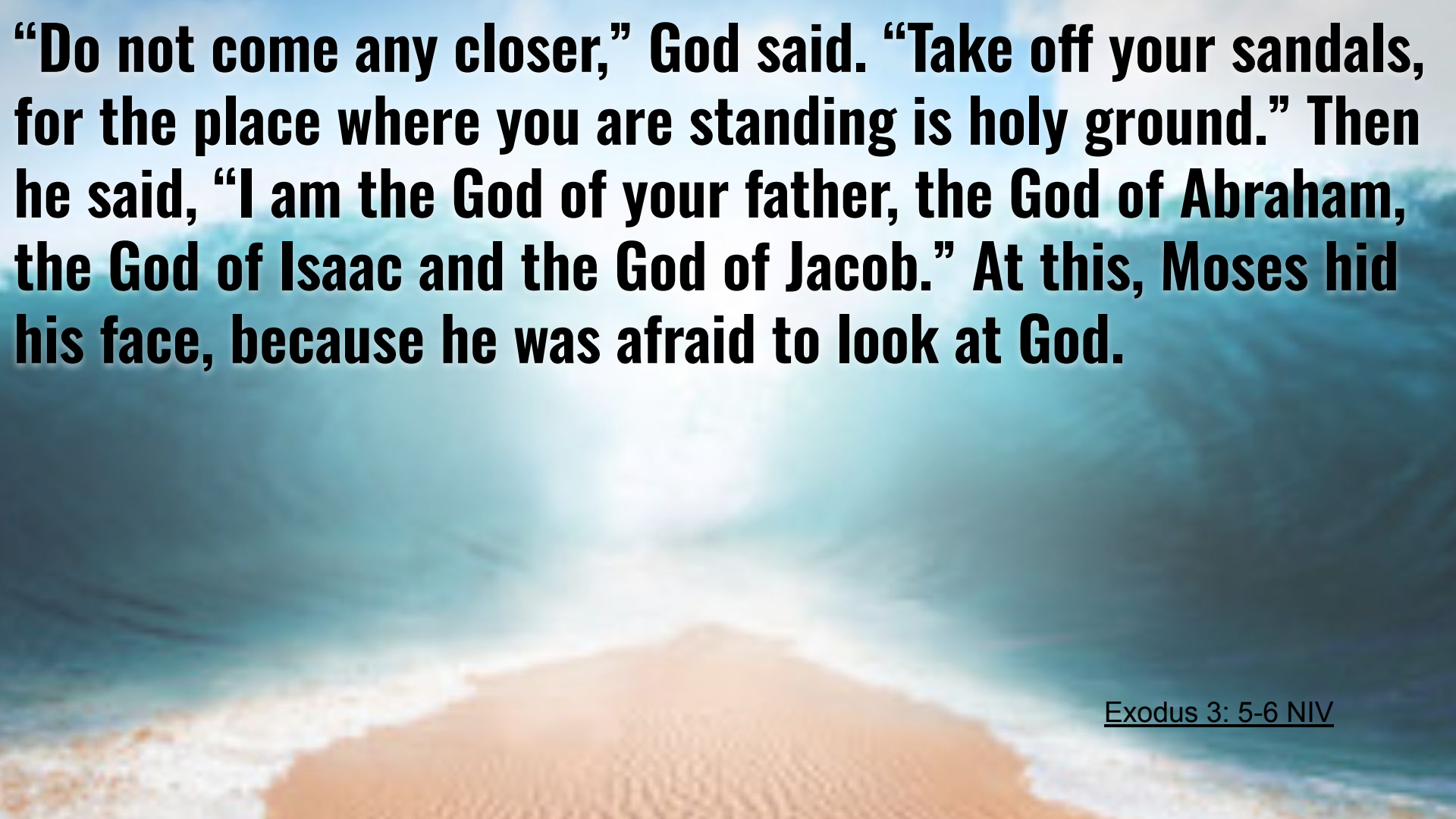
**Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.**

Exodus 3: 1-2 NIV



**So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”**

Exodus 3: 3-4 NIV



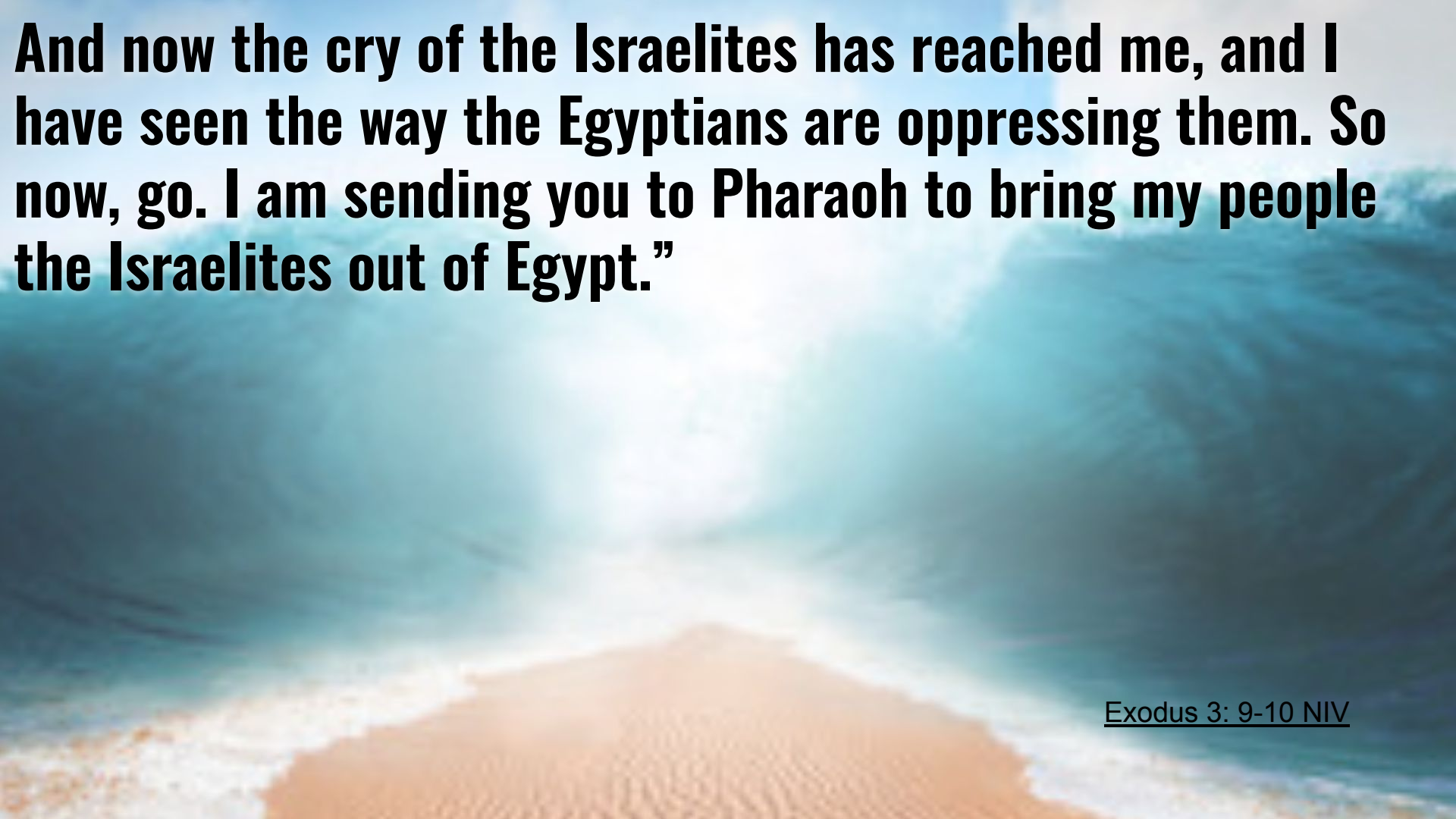
**“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.**

Exodus 3: 5-6 NIV



**The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.**

Exodus 3: 7-8 NIV

A dramatic landscape with a bright sun or light source in the center, casting a glow over a body of water and a sandy foreground. The sky is a mix of blue and white, with the sun creating a lens flare effect. The water is dark blue, and the foreground is a sandy, textured surface.

**And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”**

Exodus 3: 9-10 NIV

# God Calls

- Messenger of God in the burning bush
- God has seen, heard, and knows what is happening with the Israelites
- God is part of this call to Moses
- “Now go” God’s call is for the present

# Class Participation





# God Calls Us

- We need to pay attention
- You are never alone in your call
- “My call/mission isn’t big enough”
  - *”Mission is the transforming awareness of being called and sent by God in every sphere of life.”  
(Christopher Wright)*

**Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you’?” Then the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied.**

Exodus 4: 1-2 NIV

**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.**

Exodus 4: 3-4 NIV

**“This,” said the LORD, “is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.” Then the LORD said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous it had become as white as snow.**

Exodus 4: 5-6 NIV



**“Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh. Then the LORD said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second.**

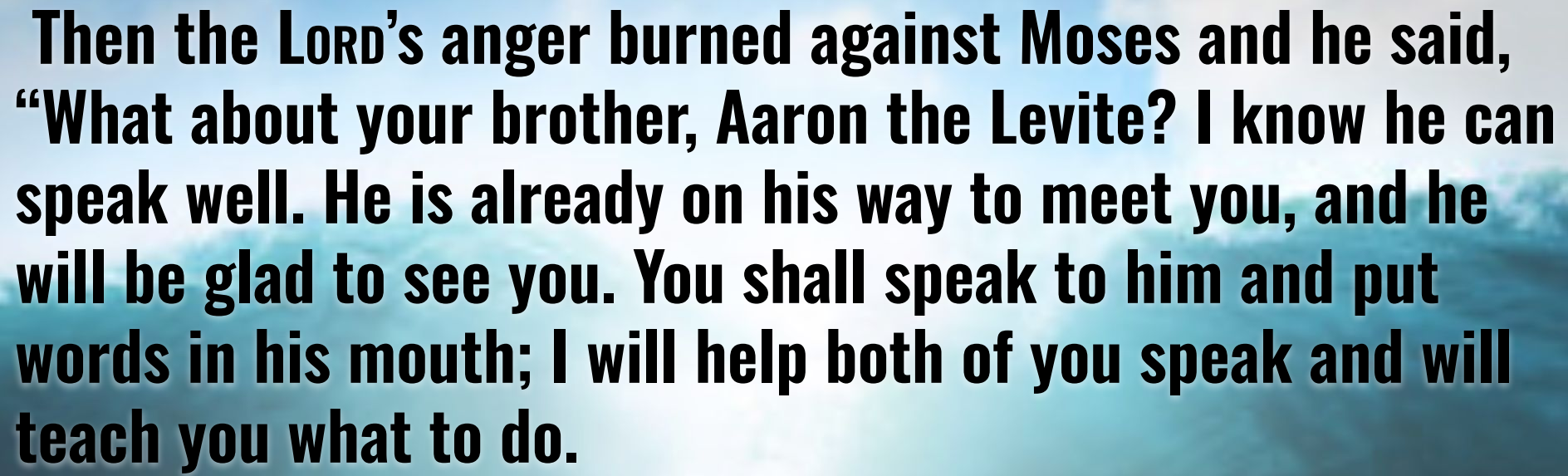
Exodus 4: 7-8 NIV

**But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.” Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”**

Exodus 4: 9-10 NIV

**The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”**

Exodus 4: 11-13 NIV



**Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.**

Exodus 4: 14-15 NIV



**He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”**

Exodus 4: 16-17 NIV

# God Shows

- **What if the people don't believe Moses**
- **God gives three real and physical signs**
- **God shows compassion and gives Moses someone to speak for him**
- **Moses is still "the guy"**

# Show Your Work

3)  $2y - 8x = 12$   $y = mx + b$

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4)  $\frac{1}{2}x + 2y = 8$

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## MULTI-STEP word problems

- 1 Read & visualize. The monkeys picked 12 bananas. They ate 5. Then they picked 3 more. How many bananas do they have now?
- 2 Write an answer statement. The monkeys have        bananas.
- 3 Write a number sentence.  $12 - 5 + 3 = ?$
- 4 Chunk & solve.  $12 - 5 + 3 = ?$   
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# God Shows

- **We hesitate to follow God's call**
- **Look for where God has shown Himself**
  - **Total reversals**
  - **Complete stops**
- **God's rescue plan is to be believed and He'll show that He can do it**



# Wrap Up

- **Our rescue has already come in Jesus**
- **Paid for our sin and defeated death**
- **God wants this message to be continued**
- **God wants to use us to continue that message**
- **Be used by God**

## Audio file

[Moses Audio.mp3](#)

## Transcript

Cool that you can like Superman or Batman or any. Or Batman, or any fictional hero you want. I was trying to think of this too. I'm gonna go off book 2A little bit and go a little different. There's some like superheroes, an animated ones. I was a big fan of the the Mighty Ducks movies growing up. So Gordon Bombay, the coach, he was very much a hero, right. He takes the team and does all of it. He's probably my favorite. I like sports movies. But we are talking about Heroes today for a reason, and that is because we are going to meet. The real life hero of the Book of Exodus today, Julie opened us last week with a great introduction on the Book of Exodus. We are going to spend starting last week through Thanksgiving in the Book of Exodus kind of a broad overview. It is a big, long book. We're going to pull out some of the main points and kind of hit it hard, so if you missed last week, you can always go back to our website. One time verona.com Ryan talked about it. We have a sermons page there to get caught up in. Anything but Julie gave us this great intro about like, where we've been and kind of how we got to Exodus and where the book is going to go. And she ended by saying the same God that rescued the Israelites in Exodus is the same God that rescues us. And that's really our theme of this series, God's rescue plan because God is going to. Rescue the Israelites from Egypt and he uses Moses, which is who we're going to meet today. Moses is our very real life here that we will meet today and God uses him to bring them out of Egypt now. Being used isn't a term we like to have a lot like as people we don't want to be used by somebody else. It would hurt if Kyle, for instance, used me for something strictly for his own gain, and there was nothing for me, right? We don't like this idea of being used. I would. Never do that. We're friends, but. That's kind of thing we don't want, but see God's not like that. God's. Different God cares for us and loves us so much. He rescued us from sin and he wants to use us to help continue his rescue plan. So the punch line kind of the grab today is don't be used by another person, but be a person used by God. Don't be used by another person, but be a person. Used by God. So today we're going to see how Moses was used by God and how we might be able to be used in similar ways. Moses, if you're familiar with him sometimes maybe seems like this far off character and other biblical characters can feel that way because they had these big, big callings and there's these huge stories about them. But the fact is those were their calls and their specific. Context. So just because what God has for us maybe isn't at that same level or that type of thing, it's still super important and God will do some of the same things he did with Moses in our lives. So we're going to look at how God does use. People and we'll take a look at three ways today. That is God sets apart, God calls and God shows. Those will be the three things we'll look at. We're going to dive in right away. Exodus Chapter 2 is where we'll start. It is bookmarked on the Bibles, on your tables. Everything will be right up here behind me. We're going to kind of truck through different sections of Exodus 2-3 and four today. But I'll let you know where we are. We are going to start with Exodus 2 verses one through 10. We're going to see how God sets apart and this will start with the birth of Moses. So Exodus 2/1 through. Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months, which she could hide him no longer. She got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the

reeds along the Bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying and she felt sorry for him. This is one of the Hebrew babies, she said. Then his sister S Pharaohs daughter. Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you? Yes, go, she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaohs daughter said to her. Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you. So the woman took the baby. And nursed. Him when the child grew older, she came to she took him to Pharaohs daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying I drew him out of water. We'll stop there for now. All right, so this is the birth of Moses. So a boy is. Born and he's hidden by his mom for about he's hidden by his mom after three months. Now, this is Julie talked about this last week. All the Hebrew baby boys that were born were to be killed. This was the edict, the law that was put. In place they were. Fearful that the boys would grow up and revolt against Egypt so he was to be killed. But his mother loves him so much she risks everything. To keep him alive, his mother protects him. God is behind this awesome woman that loves her son so much. Now she protects him by putting him in a basket and placing him in the river. As I was studying this, this part has always seemed off to me. Like do you know where he's going to go when he's in the? Basket in the. River, this is actually excuse me. Like the modern day equals. Went to if you were to take a baby and you left them on like the hospital steps because in the river the way it flowed, they would have been found. So she wants the baby found. It's. Kind of that. Type of equivalent. I don't know how often it happened, but that's kind of what would have happened. So she's putting him in the river knowing he will get found somewhere. So now we have Miriam, Moses's sister. She stands by watching, so she's kind of overseeing the basket, even offering more protection. Like I'm gonna watch and see what happens with my baby brother. So Farrahs Pharaoh's daughter comes along again. We know somebody's gonna come find. Him, but she does. He's crying. She feels sorry. She wants to keep him. Mariam pops out and says. Hey, do you want me to go get one of the Hebrew slaves to nurse him for? She's like, yeah, that'd be great. She goes and gets Moses's. Mother. So Moses's mother gets to care for her baby for a number of years and she gets paid for it by Pharaoh's court. Right. So this is all kind of God setting apart protecting Moses. Now eventually Moses grows up, gets old enough, his mom has to take him. To the court becomes Pharrell's. Daughter, she adopts him. Pharrell's daughter, son, she adopts him, gives him the name Moses, which means to pull out or draw. Out of water. But God sent Moses apart through this whole thing because he was protected.

Checked in.

So I think about protecting things and how do we maybe cushion them or keep them safe? Who here ever when you were maybe you were a kid or at some point did something in a class we had to do an egg drop challenge. You have to do an egg drop. OK. I remember doing this. And there's a slide for this. The goal is to protect the egg. I remember doing this in fifth grade and our teacher would get up on a ladder and whatever we concocted, she would drop down and you would see if the egg cracked. For some reason. I remember using like this big Donald Duck Slipper I had, so I put the egg in there and I patted it with like cotton balls and something. But me not being much, the engineer thought of no like flotation and way to like get it to come down. Slowly. So mine just went like this and mine cracked. I didn't protect it well enough because we needed cushion. But you also kind of needed to make it come down a little slower. Multiple layers of protection, right? God protected Moses in multiple ways. His mother and his sister, they took huge risks. But God was with them and protected. Moses this whole

time Moses was set apart by God because he was protected. He's also set apart in another way. Let's keep going and Exodus 2. This will be versus 11 through 14. We're gonna see some passion for Moses here. Verse 11. One day after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were. And watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hit him in the sand. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew? The man said. Who are you? Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian? Then Moses was afraid and thought what I did must have become known. We're going to stop there. Moses goes out and he seeks out his own people, working. So now, even though he's grown up in the Egyptian court, he knows he's a Hebrew. So he seeks out his own people to see what's going on. He wants to see how they're doing, and he sees an Egyptian. Man beating a Hebrew slave. So Moses kills this man. Now there's differing views that he tried to kill him. He's hit him once and he died. We're not sure, but he kills him and then hides the body. Right? Cause he sees something going on with one of his own people. So the next day he comes out and he sees 2 Hebrews fighting two of his own people. He said. Why? Why are you guys fighting each other? We're going through so much on our own. We're getting beat by people. We're in slavery and fighting with each other. He intervenes because, like, this isn't right. And one of them's, like, who made you ruler? Are you gonna kill me like you killed that Egyptian? And this books Moses. He's like, I don't think anybody saw me. He's kind of rejected by this guy. So he takes off now. The murder wasn't right. Obviously. We shouldn't have killed him. But what? I want to pull out is the passion that Moses was given for his people. He wanted to see them working and he steps in and does something when one is being beaten, he steps in with two of his own. Are fighting these like guys. This isn't helping us. We got to be together. So he intervenes. We're going through enough. So he steps in. He had a passion for his people. He might have been rejected by them initially, but it was there. The passion from God was already burning. Passion, I think, is something that's kind of infectious. There's a movie I was talking with Ryan about this movie a few days ago. The movie chef. Has anybody seen this? Super being a few. OK, Jon Favreau stars as a chef. In this movie, I will recommend it. I think it's fantastic. Give you a quick basic plot. So he's a chef at a restaurant. He wants to cook a bunch of new innovative food. His boss will tell him no, we got to do the old school stuff, kind of the traditional. Leads to him getting a negative food review from a critic. He gets really mad. He goes on some tirade that people find out about and eventually becomes unemployable. So he's a chef that nobody will hire, so he ends up going to Miami. And he rediscovers his love and his passion for Cuban food. And he starts cooking Cuban sandwiches, and they get. A food truck. And he travels, making the food. He's like reconnecting with his son. So he's got this passion for his family. He's got this passion for his. He rediscovers that once he tapped into that passion, everything was great. He just had to rediscover that and figure out where his passion really was. God gave Moses this passion for his people. Passion can lead to great things. God set Moses apart. With that passion, so God sets us apart as well. First one with protection. We can be protected in many ways by God. Might be physical. Maybe we're healed or we're kept safe in something. Maybe we're protected by God with just that peace that he leaves us, that peace that transcends anything we can understand. That's also something what I want to focus on a little more in this part is the passion that God gives us. The passions. See Moses was given again a passion for his people and their justice. He didn't always act on it in a great way, but he. At it, the Oxford Language Dictionary describes a passion as a strong and barely controllable emotion, right? So where has God-given you a passion like think about that like a strong emotion that you can barely control, something that makes you just want to be like, let's go right now.



Will all of our passions be something God uses in like this big scheme of his plan? Maybe not, but some of them might be the thing to do is to seek God and see if there's a passion that he's giving you that he does want to use. Now God may use this in completely random ways, ways we never thought of, but he might use us in ways that actually do make sense in ways or with the passions that he's given us. So where is your passion? I know some people that have huge passions for groups of people that are maybe looked down upon or that need help, homeless, needy and addicts, and they have massive hearts and they're out there reaching out and helping in that way. That is a part of what God's rescue plan is seeing them helping people, serving them, loving them as God would. It could be a ton of others. I have a general passion for music. I started music back when I was a kid and later on in life, God has allowed me to use music to lead people and worship and bring them closer to God. I didn't think it was going to go that way, but then it did. And there's a whole bunch of other ones. Maybe you have a passion for mentoring young people or a passion for medicine or healthcare, even passions for coffee or anything like that, God can use any of them. He can. But seek God and see if he wants to use that. See if God is setting you apart with that passion. If it doesn't go well at first, but you know it from God, that's OK. Moses got rejected at first. Jesus got rejected when he first started his ministry. If your passion is set apart for God, God will set apart the people that need to be affected by it, so God sets us apart with protection and with passion. To carry out his plan. But now God's going to take it to the next step. We're going to jump to Exodus. Chapter 3. We're going to read Exodus 3 verses one through 10. Says now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the. Not there. The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a Bush. Moses saw that though the Bush was on fire, it didn't burn up. So Moses thought. I will go over and see this strange sight. Why the Bush does not burn up. And the Lord saw that he had gone over to look God called to him from within the Bush, Moses, Moses and Moses. That here I am do not come any closer. God said. Take off your sandals for the place where you are standing is holy ground. Then he said I'm the God the father. I'm the God of your father. The God of Abraham. God of Isaac. The God of Jacob. At this Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I've heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I'm concerned about their suffering. So I've come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of the land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. The home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, parasites. Hivites and Jebusites and now the cry of the Israelites has reached me and I've seen it the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now go. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt. We'll stop there. This is a fairly famous story. If you've heard it the burning Bush before, great, if not even better. I'm going to walk us through it. So here's what happens. We have a messenger of God, and he comes into the. Bush and the Bush. Is on fire, so not so unexpectedly. Moses sees a Bush on fire that's not burning up, and he's attracted to it, right? It goes to. He's like, I got to go see what's going on. So God calls him and starts to speak to him, and it's in fire. It probably denotes a way to get Moses attention, but also it signifies God's action, God's movement. God has come down here now to talk. So God says I'm the God of your father. This is important to Moses because now Moses is like, OK, this is the same God before from all the ancestors. It's the same guy before. It's the same guy that's going to be there across generations and God says he has seen, he's heard and he knows what the Israelites have gone through. He knows. God is part of this call to Moses. God's not disinterested God is now with Moses. In this right, he's already been active, and now he's calling Moses to what's coming. God isn't done. He's moving. And he's speaking to Moses about it. Moses is going to be sent with a message and a task. To tell Pharaoh to let my people go. And in verse

10 he straight up says it, he says. Now go. God is no longer a God of the past or a God that's just concerned with the future. God is present. He's speaking to Moses right now, and he's moving through Moses in the present. Here's the thing. Moses didn't go raise his hand and say God call on me. God just called on him. Back in high school, no surprise to some of you that know me, I was not a one of those kids that loved to participate in class. Like the teacher would ask. Hey, who's got a thought on this? Who wants to answer the question? I just kind of sit there like, please, somebody else answer I remember. Honor psychology I took as a senior and it was taught by actually a former the guy was our teacher, was a former CIA analyst. He always felt like he was reading everything in the room, and luckily I sat at a table. My group was at a table with girls that were very enthusiastic about participating. I just kind of tried to hide back. There. But what he would do is randomly would just be like Jeff answer. Like I didn't raise my hand. It's like I don't care. You're gonna answer anyway, he would call because he wanted to hear from me because it was me. God will call even when we're not raising our hands. Many times when God calls, we're not raising our hands. It just happens. So I want you to. Think about. Do you know if God has put a call in your life? Now? If the answer is no, not yet. That's OK. It comes at variety of points in life. But if he has, you know, has it been this kind of crazy burning Bush big moment where? Like that's it. Mine haven't been that way. I would like them sometimes to be that way, so it's more clear. Mine usually more subtle guys just kind of getting at me. Like, here's where we're going. But think about that. Pay attention to what God might be doing, because if it's a subtle call, if we pay attention that we can hear God putting something on our lives, and again it can happen at any point in your life, Moses didn't come for a while. So if you don't feel like God's giving you a call yet or you're not sure what it is, that's OK God will work that out in his timing and he's always working. OK. But God will call. And as I was thinking about this and thinking about God's call. It what hit me and I wanted to talk about was this is that sometimes. When God calls, we can feel alone like it's just for us. But since it's a part of God's plan, God calls us to be with him. You're never alone in it. Responding to God's call can feel isolating. Others won't get it. Nobody's going to be here with it. With me. I'm just gonna be all alone. I understand it. I get how it happens. It can feel that way. I've talked to many pastors, ministry leaders, Christians who feel like just super alone. But God's call is never a call to be in isolation. It can't be because he's always a part of it. All right, he's. Always with us in it like that, belief that being part of God's call is just going to put you all by yourself and make you lonely is just a lie that Satan wants us to believe, so that maybe we reject the call God has in our life. Because we want to be alone, because being alone is not fun. Being lonely is not fun, but we're never alone when we're responding and following God cause at least he is always there. And then he will put the people and the resources around us that we need. Like, OK, fine. God's got a call. I can kind of buy into this. I'm not going to. Be alone but. Is my thing really gonna matter? Like there's these crazy stories in the Bible that like what Moses is going to do and all these other guys like is my call is. My mission? Gonna Matt. Commentator Christopher Wright says mission is the transforming awareness of being called and sent by God in every sphere of life. It doesn't matter what it is if God calls you to it, it's important, and it matters. It cannot be too small or insignificant. Just like you cannot be too small or too insignificant for God, God uses people by calling them to be a part of his rescue plan, no matter big or small. It matters so God will call. All right. So God may call. But am I supposed to influence some people like that seems intimidating. Moses feels kind of the same way. Let's keep reading and see what happens. This is going to. Be Exodus 4 verses. One through 17, Moses answered. What if they don't believe me or listen to me and say the Lord didn't appear to you, then the Lord said to him, what is that in your hand? A staff, he replied. The Lord said. Throw it on the ground. Throws us through it on the ground it became a snake and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him,

reach out your hand, take it by the tail. So Moses reached out, took hold of the snake, and it turned back into his staff in his hand. This said, the Lord is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham. Kind of Isaac out of Jacob has appeared to you. Then the Lord said, put your hand inside your cloak. So Moses put his hand in his cloak when he took it out, the skin was leprous become white as snow. Now put it back in your cloak, he said. So Moses put his hand back in his cloak. When he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. Then the Lord said, if they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign. They may believe the. But if they don't believe these two signs or listen to you take some water from the Nile, pour it on dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the. Ground, Moses said to the Lord. Pardon your servant, but I've never been eloquent neither in the past, nor since you have spoken to your servant. I'm slow of speech and tongue, the Lord said to him, who gave human beings their mouths. Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not? I the Lord. Now go. I will help you speak and will teach you. What to? Say Moses said, pardon your servant Lord. Please send someone else then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, what about your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know he can speak well. He's already on his way to meet you. And he will be glad to see you. You shall speak. To him, put words in his mouth. That will help both of you speak. It will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people. For you it will be as. If your mouth were as. His and if you were God to him but take the staff in your hand so you can perform signs with it, we'll stop there. Alright, so most is like what they believe me. Logical question. Moses may accept what God wants to do, but maybe others don't. So he gives him three signs. He starts with a rod rod on the ground, becomes a snake, grabs it by the tail, turns it back to a rod. Snake. Don't grab it by the tail. It's kind of the. Idea now. Where to grab it then? Moses hand it goes into his cloak, comes up leprous. Dirty, unclean and. Sick goes back in, comes out perfectly healthy. God transformed Moses's hand, which is what he's going to do for his people. Transform from slaves to free, and these children of God finally is like, hey, if those don't work. I'll turn. Water from the Nile to blood. The Nile was a life source for Egypt. They needed it. They relied on it. So God was like I could kill all that off. Non reversible. These are real physical. Signs that God gave. They have kind. Of this like. Magic type of feel or vibe, which actually would have played into the Egyptian culture and worldview. Magic was a big thing. So God showing them this in a way. That they might understand. God's giving Moses away to show people that God is more than a magician. God has power and Providence. He has care. He has judgment. So these signs are there. If the people don't believe Moses when he talks. But Moses kind of also seems to have a hard time believing in him. He tells guys like please, I don't speak well. Can we please just send someone else now? This might have been totally true. Maybe Moses wasn't a good speaker, but Moses needed to trust and obey God in the very same way the Israelites will need to trust and obey God. So he's like someone else. And God's basically saying I could, I could call someone else, but I chose you. I'm showing you and it's you. Jonah didn't want to go. God could have sent somebody else. But God chose Jonah. Now God shows a little compassion and he shows him. He'll help by giving someone to speak for him. So he says his brother Aaron will be the mouthpiece. So Aaron speaks well, so let's use him. But God is clear. Moses is still the guy. Moses does the signs. Moses gets the word from God and Aaron does the delivery. So God is showing Moses. How to show others that this whole thing is for real and Moses and then show others God will help him by showing him. I was talking with Jeremiah this week about school. He's 8 or not 8 yet almost 8. He's in second grade and we talk about math. And apparently he was lamenting the story problems in math class because he had to show his work and he didn't like showing his work. We have two math teachers in the room, my wife and my sister-in-law. They're shaking their heads. Because showing your work is important. You got to show that

you know how to get there. Prove you can do the problem. That almost means more. I know at least back in the day we never have full credit. If we didn't. Show our work. God is willing to show his work to Moses through these signs. He's willing to show his work to others through Moses so that they know he is to be trusted and believed. This might be one of like my favorite parts of Moses and most relatable parts, because like I trust you, I believe you and all this, but I don't know. That others are going to believe me. This gives us hesitation. That's normal. Now the good Christian is supposed to say Moses is totally wrong here. He should just jump right and said. Yeah, God, this is going to be awesome. I'll go do it. But we're fallen, and imperfect people, and we have hesitation. We ask questions. We're not sure that we can always do it. What we can do is look for where God has already shown himself to prove it to others and explain it to others. The 1st 2 signs he gave Moses were total role reversals, right? Rod to snake snake back to rod. So where have you seen these big types of reversals that you can say these could have been God? They can only be explained by God stepping in and saying here I am, I'm real or a complete stop to something bad turning the. Water to blood. Stopping that Egyptian lifeline and support where has God put a stop to something that you can? Going to. So look for where God has been working and is presently working. There are signs that you can point to, to show others that God's to be believed that God's rescue plan is to be believed and he. Will prove it. God shows himself in these ways. So God wants us to be part of his rescue plan. He wants to use it in us. He sets us apart and he calls us and he shows himself. Don't we need to be rescued too? The answer is yes, but we've already had somebody come. That's done that. And that's kind of how we're going to wrap it up today. Jesus has come. Excuse me, as fully God fully man. He died to pay the price for our sins and to buy us back from eternity in Hell. And then he rose from the dead to defeat death, so that were not held by death. This is the gospel message. This is God's rescue plan. God wants to use this message and continue it. He wants more to be rescued. God wants to use us to keep this rescue plant going. So allow yourself to be used by God. Let's pray. God, I thank you for this morning, for the story of Moses and who he was and who he is. God, that we can learn from how you called him. That you set him apart, that you called him that you showed. God, I pray. That you would do those things in our lives, so whatever. The call is you. Have for us, however you want to use this. God that we. Would be open to that. I pray that you would make that apparent to us and that we would pay attention to see it that would be would be willing to then take the steps to go and whatever it is you're having us go and God, we thank you that you sent your son to save us. And that we are rescued and we can be rescued. God prays in your name. Amen.