

*Answering God's Call!
Navigating Life's Journey, Pt. 2*

Exodus 3-4
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Exodus 3:7, *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. ⁸So 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. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt."*

Key Thought: While effort and good works are not involved in our salvation, they are involved in growing our faith and obedience to God's call!
(Ephesians 2:8-10)

Four Keys To Answering God's Call:

1. God Commands Our ATTENTION
(Exodus 3:3-4)

How Does God Get Our Attention?

- **Through Unusual CIRCUMSTANCES**
- **Through Real STRUGGLES**
- **Through OTHERS**
- **Through Your Natural Abilities And GIFTEDNESS**

2. God Deserves Our RESPECT
(Exodus 3:5-6)

Matthew 22:36-39: Love God And Love Others

3. God Expects Our OBEDIENCE
(Exodus 3:10)

Five Common Excuses For Not Obeying God:

- **Poor SELF-ESTEEM**
(Exodus 3:11)
 - **Lack Of KNOWLEDGE**
(Exodus 3:13)
 - **Fear Of FAILURE**
(Exodus 4:1)
 - **Fear Of The PUBLIC EYE**
(Exodus 4:10)
 - **Lack Of DESIRE**
(Exodus 4:13-14)
- 4. We Make Adjustments In Our Lives And FOLLOW HIM!**
(Exodus 3:12; Matthew 5:16)

Cottonwood Challenge - Questions To Help You Towards Leading For God:

- Ask God, "What do You want me to do to build Your kingdom?"
- Acknowledge and confess your past excuses for not serving and obeying God.
- Commit that this time will be different; make adjustments in your life and follow God in faith.
- Every Thursday, for the next 4 weeks from 12:00p – 1:00p, we will have a time for fasting and prayer in the Game Plan Center. If you can't come, follow my social media page and pray through the scriptures at home or at the office.