

# An Unexpected Journey

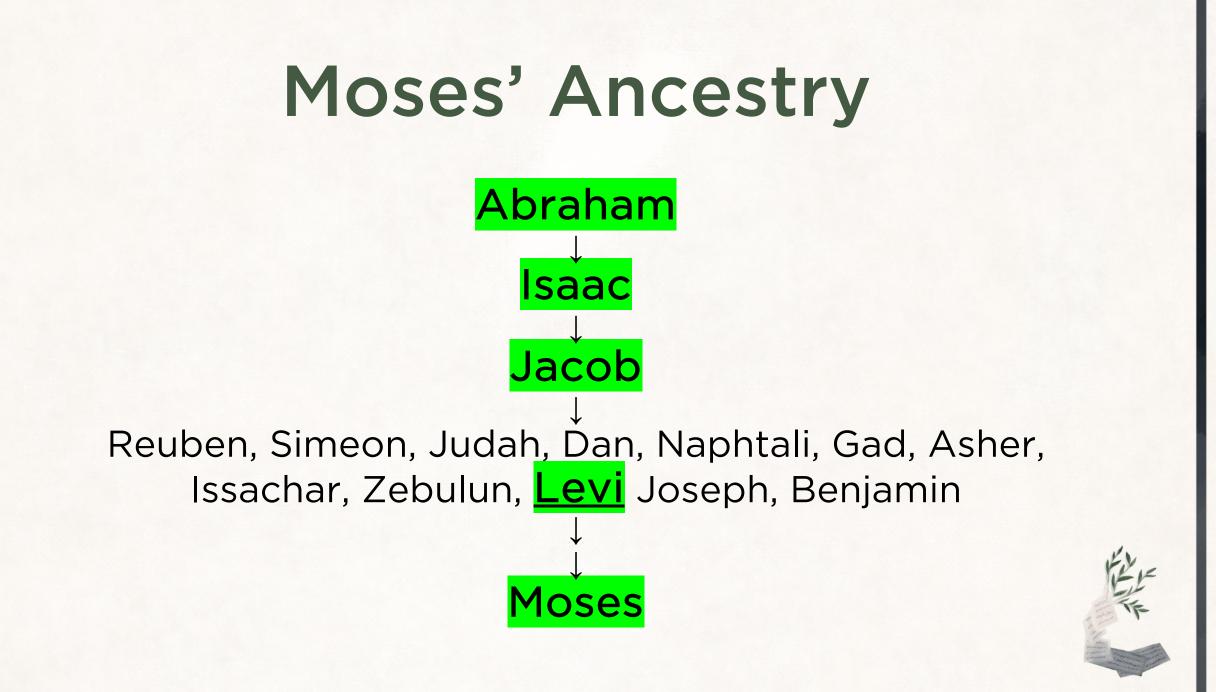
Exodus 3-4

#### **The Torah:** First 5 books of the Old Testament

- -Genesis
- -Exodus
- -Leviticus
- -Numbers
- -Deuteronomy



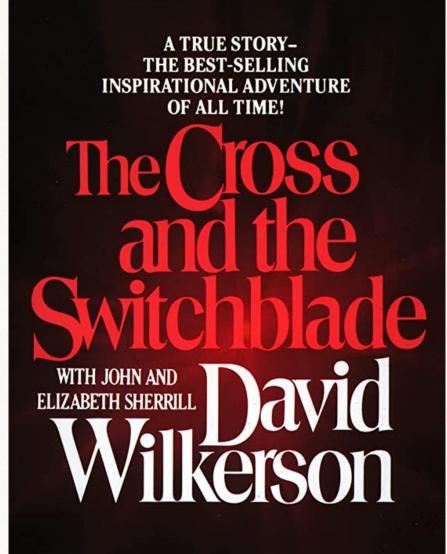






# "Hey Dude!"







# Exodus ch. 3 (Page 46)



## Exodus 3:7, 11-12

Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters.... Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

#### 1. Identity



Identity
 Ignorance



- 1. Identity
- 2. Ignorance

Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, '<u>What is his name</u>?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

#### Exodus 4:1

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, '<u>The Lord did not appear to you</u>."



Identity
 Ignorance
 Unbelief



Wait, wha= no! No. No, wait. We do not want any adventures here, thank you- not today! Not-= I suggest you try over the Hill or across the Water. Good morning!

Identity
 Ignorance
 Unbelief
 Inadequacy



- Identity
  Ignorance
- 3. Unbelief
- 4. Inadequacy
  - Exodus 4:10

But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue."



#### Exodus 4:11-12

Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."



### Our "Heroes" of the Faith

NOAH... got drunk ABRAHAM... was too old **ISAAC...** was a coward and a liar JACOB... was a deceiver LEAH... was not pretty **JOSEPH**... was spoiled & privileged **GIDEON**... was afraid **SAMSON**... was a womanizer **RAHAB**... was a prostitute



## Our "Heroes" of the Faith

**TIMOTHY...** was young **DAVID**... was an adulterer and murderer **ELIJAH...** was suicidal **ISAIAH...** preached naked JONAH... ran from God NAOMI... was a widow JOB... went bankrupt JOHN the BAPTIST... ate bugs & dressed funny **PETER...** denied Jesus 3 times



## Our "Heroes" of the Faith

The DISCIPLES... fell asleep while praying MARTHA... was a worry-wart MARY MAGDALENE... was demon possessed The SAMARITAN WOMAN... had 5 husbands ZACCHEUS... was small **PAUL...** murdered Christians **TIMOTHY...** had a stomach ailment LAZARUS... was dead!



Identity
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Exodus 4:13 But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."



#### Exodus 4:14-15

Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well.

Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do.

Identity (Who am I?)
 Ignorance (Who are You?)
 Unbelief (What if?)
 Inadequacy (What am I?)
 Unavailability (Thanks, but no thanks!)



#### What We Tell Ourselves:

- I <u>can't</u> find the time to pray
- I can't get along with my spouse
- I <u>can't</u> discipline the kids like I should
- I can't stop over-eating
- I <u>can't</u> maintain a pure thought life
- I can't share the gospel with other people



## In Reality...

- I won't find the time to pray
- I won't get along with my spouse
- I <u>won't</u> discipline the kids like I should
- I won't stop over-eating
- I <u>won't</u> maintain a pure thought life
- I won't share the gospel with other people



#### 2 Corinthians 3:4-5

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#### Philippians 4:14 I can do <u>all things</u> through Him who strengthens me.



#### 7 things We Must Understand (By Henry Blackaby)

- 1. God is always at work around you.
- 2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
- 3. God invites you to become involved with him in his work.
- 4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit primarily through his Word, to reveal his ways.



#### 7 things We Must Understand (By Henry Blackaby)

5. God's invitation to work with him always leads you to a crisis of faith and action.

- 6. You must make big adjustments in your life to join God in what he is doing.
- 7. You come to know God by experience as you obey him, and as he works through you.



# I'm going on an adventure!

