



In The Wilderness:

- What we believe about ourselves is reinforced.
- The challenges in the wilderness will either redefined our confidence or reinforce our fears.

Two phases of assessment:

First we ask:

- Am I capable of doing this?

26 Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe. Proverbs 28:26 (NIV)

Then we ask...

- Is God capable of doing this through me?

12 Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (MSG)

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness... Exodus 3:1 (NIV)

9 Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them.

10 Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt." Exodus 3:9-10 (NLT)

How we respond to being used of God:

- I'm inadequate.

11 But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" Exodus 3:11 (NLT)

- I'm uninformed.

13 But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" Exodus 3:13 (NLT)

- I'm unqualified.

1 But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The LORD never appeared to you?'" Exodus 4:1 (NLT)

- I'm unequipped.

10 But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled." Exodus 4:10 (NLT)

22 Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action. Acts 7:22 (NLT)

- I'm Unavailable.

13 But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else." Exodus 4:13 (NLT)

13 I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power. Philippians 4:13 (TLB)

35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIV)

Cultivating God Confidence:

- Believing that God wants to use you.

- Knowing that God will always help you.

5 Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

6 So we say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV)

1 God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

Psalms 46:1 (NLT)

- Stop making excuses, join a team.

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)464-5754

Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- Have you read the story of Moses and the burning bush? What stands out most to you in the story? You can read it in Genesis 3-5.
- In your own words, what is the difference between self confidence and God confidence?
- Why is God confidence important to us as Christ followers? Does God confidence cause us to live differently?
- Do you identify with any of Moses' excuses (found under the heading: "How we respond to being used of God")
- What do our excuses reveal about our God confidence?
- Do you believe that God wants to use you to help people? Do you believe that God could be answering the prayers of others by using you?
- Do you absolutely know that God will always help you?
- Are you still making excuses that prevent you from being on a team? Why?

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