

"Mass Exodus"

When God Calls Your Name Exodus 3:1-14 (July 22-28, 2018)

I have tons of regrets, but I think that's one of the reasons that push people to create things. Out of their angst, their regret, comes the best from artists, painters and writers. – Sylvester Stallone

I live without regrets. There are certain things I have done, mistakes that I made, that I would change, but I don't regret them at all, because I've learnt from them. – Lindsay Lohan

I had a friend who worked at a hospice, and he said people in their final moments don't discuss their successes, awards or what books they wrote or what they accomplished. They only talk about their loves and their regrets, and I think that's very telling. – Brad Pitt

Answer and discuss the following question with your group.

1. The "What if's" or regrets of life can be very powerful. Looking at the above quotes from the film celebrities above, which do you identify with the most? Why?

Read the following excerpt out loud or watch message segment #1.

An excerpt from the StoneBridge message, "When God Calls Your Name".

Fast forward 40 years. Moses is now 80.

Lots of things have changed since he left the Palace. He has a good life. He is married, has children, and he is a shepherd. It's OK. No complaints, but what could have been? But maybe this is what I was meant to do with my life.

I have to wonder, did Moses think what if? What if I had never killed that man? What if I had stayed in the palace? Things would be a lot different.

Do you ever think about that in your life – what if?

What if I hadn't?

What if I would have?

Read Exodus 3:1-8 and answer/discuss the following questions.

2. We find Moses in this passage living a life that was not what he expected when he was younger. Make a list of some "what if's" that Moses could have had.
3. In calling Moses to take action, what does God use to get his attention, and what impact do you think this had on Moses at that moment?

4. What actions did Moses take, and describe the obstacles that Moses faced in order to take these actions?

Read the following excerpt out loud or watch message segment #2.

An excerpt from the StoneBridge message, "When God Calls Your Name".

I will be with you. My presence is enough to chase away the fear. You are not doing this alone. We have this together, but I need you to help me Moses. Rescue my people.

These words would be spoken thousands of years later to a group of folks who were faced with a monumental task. (*Read Matthew 28:16-20*)

Here is a group that is facing the task of going into all the world with the best news possible that Jesus is alive. I need you to go and do this. Make more disciples of all nations...baptize them and help them to obey everything I have commanded you.

My guess is that they looked at Jesus like Moses looked on the Mountain.... send someone else. So Jesus says, "I will be with you."

Read Exodus 3:9-14 and answer/discuss the following questions.

5. Moses had taken a big step of going to find out the reason the bush was burning but not consumed. Why do you think that the miracle of the burning bush was NOT enough to convince Moses to listen to God's calling to free the people of Israel?
6. How do you see God's answers to Moses' objections to the call from God being enough to move Moses to accept the call?
7. Read Matthew 28:16-20. What parallels do you see in the call Moses received from God at the burning bush and the call the disciples received from Jesus?

Reflection and Wrap-up

8. What call from God do you sense in your life right now?
9. What objections do you have to doing what God is calling you to do?

Pray Together as a Group

Additional Study

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about this topic, read and consider the following passages:

- Proverbs 16:1-3
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-21