**Moses a man who heard from God – Ex. 4**

**Focal Truth: God equipped Moses to serve His purposes**

**Observations**

1. **God equipped Moses with signs & wonders to show the people that God had sent him**
2. Moses questions God’s call on his life & his ability to do the work

3:12 – who am I, that I should go to Pharoah, and that I should bring the sons of

 Israel out of Egypt?

3:13 – now they may say to me, what is His name? what shall I say to them?

4:1 – what if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, the

 Lord has not appeared to you

4:10 – please Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past,

 since You have spoken to Your servant, for I am slow of speech and slow of

 tongue

1. God gives Moses the power to do three signs to demonstrate that God has sent him to Israel

4:2 – 5 - the power of the shepherd’s staff

4:6 – 8 – the power of his hand to change from healthy flesh to leprous flesh

4:9 – 10 – the power for water to turn to blood

1. God gave the signs & powers to affirm His authority & power with His words promising to save Israel from Egypt

4:17 – you shall take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs

10:1 -2 – go to Pharaoh for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants,

 that I may perform these signs of Mine among them. And that you may tell

 in the hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of

 the Egyptians and how I performed My signs among them, that you may

 know that I am the Lord.

1. **God equipped Moses with a partner in the work God sent him to do**
2. God promised to tell Moses what He should say to Israel – 4:11 -12
3. God promised to give Moses Aaron his brother to speak for him – 4:14 -16
4. Moses told Aaron what God had commanded him to do – 4:27 – 28
5. **Moses obeyed God & spoke to Israel & the people believed his message**
6. Moses went to the elders of Israel & Aaron spoke all the words of Lord spoken by

Moses – 4:29 -30

1. Moses performed the signs in the sight of the people – 4:30
2. Israel heard & saw the signs & believed that God would deliver them. – 4:31
3. Israel bowed and worshipped God when they heard these words – 4:31

**Things to Remember**

1. God always equips His people for the work He calls them to do.

Acts 1:8 – you shall receive power…and be my witnesses

1. God equips His people with spiritual gifts in order to accomplish His purposes

1 Pet. 4:10 – as each one has received a spiritual gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God, whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God, whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

1. God equips His people for the work of ministry through pastors and teachers

Eph. 4:11 -12 – he gave some as apostles, prophets and evangelists and pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ