

Crazy Faith: Stories from THEN and NOW Sermon Outline

Exodus 3 The Epic Story of Moses

Introduction:

Long before Moses was born, the children of Israel were living in slavery. Egypt was their homeland; Pharaoh feared that the Israelites would grow into an army that he could not contain. He issued a decree that all the male children be killed. Moses' life was on the line. So his mother hid him in a basket in the bulrushes and placed him in the river praying for his safety. The Pharaoh's daughter finds him and little does his mom know that her act of sacrifice would change the future for the Israelites.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO HAVE CRAZY FAITH?

1-It takes SACRIFICE.

>Moses' mother demonstrated great sacrifice even when Moses was a baby. Letting him go was not easy. But a blessing came from it.

2-It takes TIME.

>After Moses grew up and sees his fellow Hebrews treated badly, his anger results in the killing of an Egyptian. This experience sends him fleeing where he has to learn to follow and obey God.

3-It takes COMMUNION.

>It is impossible to have Crazy Faith until you have communed or connected with God. Moses connected with God at the burning bush and spent time in dialogue with him. It was this conversation that led him to step out in faith.

4-It takes AVAILABILITY.

>You have heard it said before, 'God needs your availability, not your ability.' It's true. God was not concerned with Moses ability and what he could accomplish.

5-It takes FOCUS.

>When Moses and the Israelites get to the Red Sea, the Israelites still want to throw in the towel because all they see is the water. Moses had to stay focused on what God said and what he believed God would do.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>: It takes a lot to follow God in crazy faith, but it's well worth it in the end when we see God show up big time!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- >What are you willing to sacrifice to follow God?
- >How much time are you willing to give God to shape you to do something crazy?
- >How much time are you spending with God daily?
- >Are you concerned more with the abilities you can give to God or making yourself available to do what He wants?
- >Are you focused on the task God has for you?