



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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Series: OUT OF EGYPT #4 TAKING AUTHORITY

Exodus 4:1 – Exodus 7:13



SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

1st reader repeat scripture 2x with congregation.

1 John 5:4

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

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1. INTRODUCTION: God heard the cries of His people, not because they were faithful but because they were His children and He is faithful. God had prepared Moses and called him to deliver the Hebrews, but Moses felt inadequate. God calls us to great works when we are not yet qualified to do them because He wants to be glorified by His power at work in us! Our call is to understand that we are unqualified, and surrender completely to God so that He can work His power and glory through us.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

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| 1. Light Candles & Pray | 4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song' | |
| 2. Children's Songs, Story p.11 | 5. Adult Fellowship Break | 7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer |
| 3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring | 6. Worship Song Set | 8. Blessing Songs & Benediction |

2. WHEN GOD CALLED MOSES, MOSES HAD TO FACE HIS FEAR THAT PEOPLE WOULD NOT BELIEVE HIM.



Exodus 4:1-9 “And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.”² And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.³ And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.⁴ And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he

put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:⁵ that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. ⁶ And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. ⁷ And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. ⁸ And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. ⁹ And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.”



Moses was not so different than you and me, because when he saw the power of God at work in him, he was afraid no one would believe him. God will also put into your heart, times when He asks you to pray for someone to be healed. Have you ever been afraid like Moses that if you pray for healing in His name that it might not happen? We all have. But God gave us these examples so we might believe! Each time God calls, and we trust Him, our faith is strengthened.

3. GOD KNOWS OUR WEAKNESS & USES US ANYWAY.

Exodus 4:10-19 “And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. ¹¹ And the LORD said unto him, **Who hath made man’s mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?** ¹² **Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth,** and teach thee what thou shalt say. ¹³ And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. ¹⁴ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵ And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. ¹⁶ And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. ¹⁷ **And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs...** ¹⁹ And **the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.**”

GOD’S TIMING IS ALWAYS PERFECT.

Our Creator is well aware of our weaknesses and waits for us to come to a place of humility like Moses, where we understand that our own strengths and talents are nothing and lose the prideful heart we carried with us back in Egypt - only then can God use us. Moses had a physical reminder of God’s authority in his hand, and we must have God’s word so firmly planted in our heart, that it becomes second nature to know we have His authority in our hand.

Matthew 17:19-20 “Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, **Why could not we cast him out?** ²⁰ **And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**”

Little is much when God is in it; our puny little faith becomes big when we put all our trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus!

4. THE MESSIAH TO COME WAS THE ‘SEED’ OF ABRAHAM, THE FIRSTBORN OR PRE-EMMINANT

Exodus 4:22-23 “And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: ²³ and I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.”

What does this mean? How do we give answer to the unbelieving nation of Israel, (Jewish people who reject the Messiah, the Christ), who claim that all the references applying to Jesus Christ as being the “firstborn” of God are incorrect because, they, being the nation of Israel, are chosen to be known as God’s “firstborn son”? First of all, the meaning of ‘firstborn’ in all of the Old Testament scriptures is the birthright blessing of the father’s inheritance and authority passed on to his favorite son, not always but usually the firstborn son. In several instances the firstborn birthright was purposely not given to the son who was born first but to another. Ishmael was Abraham’s ‘firstborn son’, but the firstborn birthright that should have been Ishmael’s, was not given to him, but the second born son, Isaac, who inherited all his father’s wealth and authority, as well as the promise of God. Before the coming of the Messiah, the nation of Israel, who are the bloodline of Abraham, were indeed chosen to carry God’s “Firstborn Son”, and as a nation indeed they did. The “firstborn” in scripture applies not to the bloodline of Israel, but to those who carry the promise in faith, like Abraham. Believing Israel is called the “seed of Abraham” and heir according to the promise because the seed of Abraham, who is the Messiah, lives in them!

Galatians 3:16 “Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”

Only one seed could be the Messiah, Jesus Christ, of the human bloodline carried by the nation of Israel, who also was the God of heaven who created them! Only HE who is God can be the firstborn of heaven!



5. WE ESTABLISH AUTHORITY THROUGH OBEDIENCE



Exodus 4:29-31 “And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: ³⁰ and Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹ And the people

believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.”

When Moses did as God commanded him, the people believed.

Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Your obedience to God, is powerful to produce faith in those who are afraid to trust in God. What was another way Moses lived his life, that changed the lives of those who followed him?



Philippians 2:3 “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”

Moses was humble before God and before men. We gain respect from those we are called to lead by respecting and placing them above ourselves. Another character trait we learn from Moses, is to be prepared for Satan’s attacks, and keep praying until God moves!

Ephesians 6:11-13 “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

6. WHEN YOU CONFRONT THE ENEMY THINGS WILL GET WORSE BEFORE GOD MOVES THE MOUNTAIN

Exodus 5:1-23 “Afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go...² And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD...¹⁰ And the taskmasters of the people went out... and they spake to the people, saying, ...Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD...²⁰ And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: ²¹ and they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh....²² And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? ²³ For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.”



Moses very often had times of doubt and got people mad at him too, so we should not be discouraged for not being perfect! But God gave Moses what to speak, and He tells us that we should not be afraid because He is also there when we need Him, just the same.

Mark 13:11 “But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.”

Jesus prophesied to His disciples and they trusted Him, and found themselves praising God in other languages because God gave them words to testify to thousands of foreigners who came to salvation!

John 7:38 “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”

Believe on Jesus, drink in His Spirit, and living water will bubble up from your belly and splash life on others everywhere you go!

7. GOD REMINDS MOSES HE IS SPEAKING FOR GOD.

Exodus 6:1-7 “Then the LORD said unto Moses, **Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh:** for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. ² And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, **I am the LORD:** ³ **and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob,** ... ⁴ And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. ⁵ And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Wherefore **say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you** with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: ⁷ **and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God,** which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.



Exodus 6:8-30 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: **I am the LORD.** ⁹ And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: **but they hearkened not** unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. ¹⁰ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹¹ Go in, **speak unto Pharaoh** king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. ¹² And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? ¹³ **And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt...** ¹⁶ And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; ²⁶ **These are that Aaron and Moses,** to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies. ²⁷ These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron. ²⁸

8. MOSES WAS TOLD TO REMEMBER WHO GOD IS.

Exodus 6:28-30 “And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt, ²⁹ that the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee. ³⁰ And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?”

Moses felt inadequate, and as men don't we all? God gave a precise genealogy of his people **to remind Moses of who he was, God's covenant with His people, that God had heard the cries of His people, and that Moses would see God's power, to bring His people out from the bondage of Egypt.** The people had no will because of their bondage. What can I do when I have prayed, but have lost hope because I can't seem to get free so I can leave my problem behind? God gives us a way that works every time!

Exodus 6:9,11& 13 Tells us to **REMEMBER WHO GOD IS**, to **HEAR** the word of God, to **SPEAK** to the problem with His word, to trust God, and **BRING OURSELVES** out!

Romans 12:2 “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

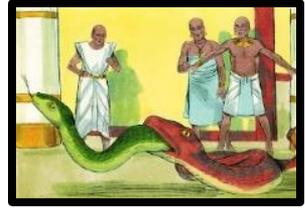
*My favorite author, Corrie tenBoom, told of a man who came asking for her help, expecting a deeply spiritual solution for his besetting sins because he just could not overcome habits that were destroying his life. Corrie looked at him thoughtfully... and said, “**Stop it!**”*

We have all heard God's word spoken many times. **The solution to our problems is to stop doubting God, believe HIM, and do it!** There is no problem with God's plan, when we hear it, speak it, work the plan patiently and trust God because He always brings us out!

When people have suffered under bondage for a long time they are not able to see blessing applying to themselves or to receive it because the oppression is so great, but with patient loving watering we can all break through to new life! Oftentimes this advice will apply to ourselves as well as those to whom we minister.

9. GOD MAKES A WAY WHERE THERE IS NO WAY.

Exodus 7:1-13 “*And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. ²Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, ⁵And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. ⁶And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they... ¹³And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ⁹When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, **Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent**.... ¹¹Then Pharaoh called the ... magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. ¹²For **they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods**...”*



God commands His servants still today, to confront Satan’s lies, to expose, and destroy them. **Satan will throw counterfeits at your feet that, at first, look more powerful, but keep speaking God’s word, and the truth of God will swallow up the lies every time!**

1 Peter 4:11 “*If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*”

What do I do when I’ve spoken out God’s word and fought the fight of faith, but I feel just like Moses must have felt, when more and more serpents were thrown at him threatening to be bigger than the power that God gave him **and the enemy seems to be winning?**

Psalms 61:2 “*From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*”

Psalms 46:10 “*Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*”

Remember that God is God and you shall be delivered!

10. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME

1. Face your fears. Whenever you feel inadequate, know that because you believe, signs will follow you because Jesus said.
2. God knows our weakness and uses us anyway.
3. The seed of Abraham is Jesus, and Jesus lives in me.
4. Establish authority by obedience to every word of God.
5. Remain in God's word and in prayer so when you don't know what to speak, the Holy Spirit will give you what to say.
6. Confront the enemy. When Satan roars at you, roar back with the authority of God's word.
7. When you declare God's word as your sword against the enemy, then stand, knowing that God will deliver as He promised.
8. Be still and know that God is who He says He is and He will cause to come to pass all that He has promised.
9. God makes a way where there is no way.
10. When we trust in God, He will bring us safely through.

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear Lord Jesus, Thank you for saving me. Thank you for forgiving me and for Your blood that cleanses me from every bad thing I have done or thought or said. Thank you for your Holy Spirit living in me.

Help me to face the fears and failures I have had in my life with the faith you have given to me. I trust in You, Lord to deliver me from everything the devil tries to put in my life. I put on your armor and take up your gift of the shield of faith to win every battle. I trust You to bring victory and peace and thank You because You always answer my prayers, In Jesus name, Amen.



11. CHILDREN'S STORY - Lee and the Bully



Lee was 10 years old and in the fifth grade at school. One day at recess he was playing basketball when a boy from another class pushed him for no reason! Lee thought maybe he just tripped but next thing he knew, the other boy, Darin, threw a ball hard

hitting his back and said, "Get off my court!" Lee answered, "I shoot baskets here every day and it's nobody's court!" Darin shot back, "Yeah, well it is now so buzz off!" and his friends laughed. The bell rang so Lee went back to class and kept quiet and the next day, he played on a different court. Darin pushed him again! And his friends laughed again when Lee walked off that court too. When Lee got home he asked his dad what to do and said to Lee, "**You did the right thing trying to keep peace**, but sometimes the devil will use someone to bully you, and **God doesn't want you to let a bully take authority over you like that**. You're going to have to face him like Moses had to go face the Pharaoh. **Your fight is not with the Bully, but against the devil who is using the Bully to hurt you**." Lee looked worried, "How can anyone fight the devil?" Dad said, "**It's a spiritual battle** Lee, **you will get power from God the same as Moses did, by praying, and God will fight your battle**. Let's write down some scriptures for you to remember so you will be armed with the word of God. Then pray those scriptures out loud and take God's authority over the devil who is causing Darin to act that way." **Lee prayed his scriptures out loud several times each day and thanked God for His promise to take care of him**, and the next day he marched right out on to that basketball court. But his heart pounded as Darin came up to him and said, "What are you doing back on my court?" Lee felt his mouth go dry, but he also felt a peaceful new authority he had never felt before, "Darin, you can beat me up, or we can share the basketball court, but I'm not going to fight with you!" Darin was so surprised he didn't know what to say. His friends laughed, but Darin shot his ball at the basket and said, "Ok, let's shoot five baskets each, and whoever gets the most in, gets first picks on sides." Lee smiled and thought, "**What a mighty powerful God You are Jesus, thank you!**" And he threw his ball at the hoop.

12 GOSPEL CRAFT PAGE

Directions:

1. Enlarge and copy scriptures 2x onto green cardstock.
2. Cut out the 16 strips on lines to separate.
3. Glue ends together to form a scripture chain snake.
4. Cut a long red forked tongue from red card stock.
5. Glue tongue and google eyes to head end of snake.
6. Speak the word of God and stand strong!



THE ROD OF GOD'S WORD SWALLOWS UP EVIL



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