

MODERNfamily

MINISTRY IS MESSY

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- **Open in prayer.**
- **Introduction.**

There is purpose in your pain and God will recycle your hurt so that you can bring healing to others. Whatever vocation you have, you have a ministry. As a Christian, your job isn't for you but for Jesus. The Bible never says you'll go through life without suffering, but through your suffering God will tenderize your heart and help you to care for others in the midst of their suffering.
- **Out of your misery, God will birth your ministry.**
- **Read and discuss Exodus 1:13-14.**
- The new Pharaoh was concerned with the number of Hebrews and forced them to work without mercy.
- The nation of Israel existed to show the world what God was like regardless of their circumstances.
- Everyone is born into slavery—to sin, death and evil.
 - o Are you currently facing a situation where someone seems “ruthless in all their demands”?
 - o How are you allowing folks to see God in your situation?
 - o Our Vision states we are a “mission-shaped community”. How are you “on mission” in your job, your school, your family, and your neighborhood?
- **Will you let God make you a courageous woman?**
- **Read and discuss Exodus 1:16-17.**
- The Egyptians used infanticide to control the population of the Hebrews.
- 57 million babies have been aborted since Roe vs. Wade. This is a Jesus issue, not a political issue.
- The world looks at outer beauty but God says look at beauty on the inside. Outer beauty deteriorates.
 - o Are there times in your life where you feared God (loved God, in awe of God) more than a “king” in your life?
 - o If you've had an abortion, or know someone who has, remember that God has forgiven you and your child is in heaven with Jesus. When God sees you, He sees Christ living in and through you.
- **Read and discuss Exodus 2:1-6.**
- Discuss what each of the courageous women did in this scripture passage.
- Pray for the women in your group to be courageous women and for the men to be who God has called them to be.
- **Don't take matters into your own hands, take God's hand.**
- **Read and discuss Exodus 2:11-12.**
- Moses saw a world where his people were being hurt by evil.
- He wanted to do the work of God without God working in him.
 - o Are you concerned about other people or are you caught up in your own life?
 - o Have you ever “tried to do God's work” before God? Share an example.
 - o Do you care about other people's hurts and sufferings?
- Moses killed a man, left luxury, and started tending sheep.
- **Will you let God meet you in your misery?**
- **Read and discuss Exodus 3:1-4.**
- The angel of the Lord in this story is a “Christophany”—an appearance of Christ in the Old Testament.
 - o Is God calling your name? How are you answering Him?
 - o What is God calling you to do?
 - o How are you growing in your discipleship? (HINT: Worship, Connect, Serve, Give, and Invite)

- **Let God be your great “I AM” so you CAN do what He’s calling you to do for His glory.**
- **Read and discuss Exodus 3:7-10.**
- You are a portrait in which others can see the face of God. Through your life people see Christ.
- Whatever you’re going through God sees it. God is always on time, just not on your time.
 - Discuss the following statement, “God doesn’t always bail you out, but He does want Christ to live in and through you”.
 - Has God called you “to go” in a certain situation in your life? Are you allowing Him to be the great “I AM”?
 - Moses was a murderer and God used him. That’s called grace. How does that encourage you in your journey with Christ?
- **What God sends you into He will see you through.**
- **Read and discuss Exodus 3:11-15.**
- You and God are a majority.
- All of life is worship and the more we worship God (upward, inward, outward) the more we become like Him.
 - How often do you protest to God that you can’t do what He’s called you to do?
 - What’s God telling you to do? Are you saying yes or no?
 - Pastor Derwin shared how God called him to speak as a stutterer. What has God called you to do that you can’t do without God?
- **Jesus is the greater Moses and is calling you into ministry.**
 - What ministry has God called you to? (HINT: At work, at school, at home, at TC)
 - The more you live an upward, inward, outward life through worship, connect, serve, give and invite the more folks you’ll see influenced by God through your life.
- **Soul-tattoo:** Discover and serve in your ministry in TC and outside of TC.
Teamwork makes the dream work.
Are you currently serving in TC?
- **Close in prayer.**