

HEROES



Week 8: Daily Reflections

LAKELAND

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Day One

Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Being still does not come naturally to our culture of busyness and noise. God reminds us to take time to stop, to focus on Him, and recognize His power and authority. In the quiet, we are able to listen to what God is asking us to do. Take time today, without distractions, to have a quiet moment with God, acknowledging His authority and listening for what He has for you.

Day Two

Exodus 7:5 "Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh."

Countless times in the Bible, God calls up someone unexpected. While we often see characteristics such as age, education, or experience, God is focused on deeper issues. What is really important to God? Have you let anything hold you back from what God is calling you to do?

Day Three

Exodus 9:16 "But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

Real heroes believe God has them on earth for a purpose and will work to achieve it. Knowing your purpose can give meaning to even mundane tasks. Take time today to think about your purpose. If you aren't sure what it is, ask God, the Creator, to show you.

Day Four

Hebrews 10:36 "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised."

God is clear that following Him will have challenges. While we might not know what they will be, we know they will come. Moses stepped away from a very comfortable lifestyle, even risking his life, to do God's will. What keeps you moving forward in following God, even when the challenges come?

Day Five

Exodus 3:7 "Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings."

Even in the darkest places, God hears the cries of His people. This means us, too! In the midst of suffering, when we feel most alone, He is present. He knows and cares about your situation. Take time to talk with God about what is on your heart, share any sufferings you have.

Day Six

Summarize below what God taught you through reflections this week. What is God calling you to say "yes!" to do?

Heroes Week 8: Talk It Over with Others

A Conversation Guide for Small Groups

Small Groups at Lakeland exist to make disciples who make disciples in relational environments as we live out the four habits – accountability, shepherding, developing others, and on mission.

ICEBREAKER (optional): Would you rather meet your travel back in time to meet your ancestors or to the future to meet your descendants?

SCRIPTURE: This week's Talk It Over guide is from Acts 7:20-38. Please read this together in your Small Group before proceeding.

Watch Pastor Jeff's Talk It Over video. Find this at www.lakeland.church under Messages/Small Group Resources.

DISCUSSION STARTER: What is a scene you remember about the life of Moses? Maybe this is a Sunday School story or something you learned in church, or in a movie. Scan Exodus to discover any you may have missed.

FOCUS QUESTIONS

1. What pleasure, possession or position would you have a very difficult time walking away from?
2. In verse 34, we learn that God is sending Moses back to the chaos of Egypt. What emotions or thoughts do you think Moses might have been experiencing when he heard this?
3. What good could possibly come from God asking you to return to chaos He has already rescued you from?
4. What are some things you worry about happening if you say "yes" to serving God the way He asks you to?

5. How do you see yourself in Moses's story? How can you learn from the life of Moses?
6. In what ways are you choosing the investment of eternity over the temptation of the here and now?
7. In what ways do you need to improve on your eternal investments?

***Close in prayer.
Consider praying in smaller groups or pairs.***

Small Group Prayer Requests

Talk It Over with us! We'd like to hear from you on how to make Talk It Over even better. What do you love? What would you change? Share your feedback with us by emailing groups@lakeland.church. Thanks for your input!

Notes from the Weekend Message
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