

MAIN POINT

Jesus frees us from our fears of failure and empowers us to live with confidence in the Lord.

INTRODUCTION

Share something that you were afraid to fail at that has held you back from living.

How does fear of failure rob us of the joy of living?

The Bible is constantly telling us “fear not, do not be afraid, and take courage.” Fear of failure doesn’t prevent us from failing; it robs us of the joy of living! Today we looked at a story about a guy who was deeply afraid of failing. God had chosen Moses to join Him in the rescue and redemption of the nation of Israel but Moses was paralyzed with fear. In fact Moses was so afraid of messing up that he finally told God to choose someone else. We can only do great things for God when we trust His provision to help us overcome our fears. But before we can overcome our fear of failure, we need to expose the lies that feed fear.

DISCUSSION

> READ EXODUS 1:8 - 4:12.

Based on what you know from Scripture and what we read today, what kind of man do you think Moses was?

Given Moses’ failure and exile to the desert (Ex. 2), how do you think he saw himself at this point in his life?

What excuses did Moses make in Exodus 3:11, 13? How did God answer his excuses? What excuses do you give God most often? How have you seen God answer those?

Even with all God told Moses, He didn’t reveal everything that would take place. Can you recall a time when you had to trust God in a critical situation? Did you know from the start how everything would work out, or did God incrementally reveal His faithfulness?

God warned Moses that Pharaoh would refuse his request. Why is it important to understand that obeying God does not always lead to easy or enjoyable circumstances?

What fear motivated Moses’ “what if” questions in Exodus 4:1?

How does God respond to Moses’ “what if” questions? What does God’s response tell us about how we might overcome our own fears of failure?

What are some ways that you remind yourself that the God who gave power to Moses to deliver His people is the same God who indwells you now, if you are a follower of Christ? How does it impact your willingness to trust Him with your most important decisions and wellbeing?

APPLICATION

What God-sized tasks or opportunities are you hesitant to say yes to because of uncertainty or feelings of insecurity and inadequacy? How does Moses’ example impact your prayerful consideration of those things?

What truths about God from today’s discussion do you need to remind yourself of this week as you seek to overcome fear of failure?