

# Unashamed Worship Ministries Devotional

## Monday, October 17, 2011

Read Exodus 4:1-17 below:

### Exodus 4 Signs for Moses

<sup>1</sup> Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you’?”

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

“A staff,” he replied.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD said, “Throw it on the ground.”

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. <sup>5</sup> “This,” said the LORD, “is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.”

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow.

<sup>7</sup> “Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second. <sup>9</sup> But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.”

<sup>10</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to him, “Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup> Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said, “O Lord, please send someone else to do it.”

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. <sup>15</sup> You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. <sup>16</sup> He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. <sup>17</sup> But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it.”

## Discussion Questions

- 1) The Lord has sent us to reach the world (see Matthew 28:18-30) much like God sent Moses to reach the Israelites. Sometimes this can include getting involved in a ministry, being obedient to share our faith, or even doing a particular task to serve someone. What is your personal calling?
- 2) What are some of the signs or promises that Jesus has given us so that people will believe?
- 3) In verse 10, Moses claims that he is not an eloquent speaker but this appears to be an excuse. What are some of the excuses we have given for not being obedient to our mission or call?
- 4) Look at the Lord's response in verses 11-12. Is it comforting to know that the Lord will teach us what to say and do? What does the Lord require first?
- 5) In verse 13, Moses asked God to send someone else. We might not say this aloud but we often think similarly resistant thoughts in our hearts. The next verse states that, "the LORD's anger burned against Moses". Why was God angry with Moses? Are there reasons the Lord might be angry with us? What are they?
- 6) Let's take some time to repent of any resistance we have kept in our hearts and areas we have refused to take ownership of our calling. What are some ways we can take ownership of our call individually and as a ministry?