

Exodus 4:1-17

That They May Believe

Now that who's who is settled ...

- I. The Reluctant Prophet
 - A. Moses' Credibility vs. God's Signs
 - B. Moses' Mouth vs. God's Word
 - C. Moses' Last-Ditch Effort / God's Provision
- II. The Resolute Son
 - A. The Trinitarian Council
 - B. The Word Incarnate
 - C. The Words of Life

... get ready to go.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why is Moses worried about going to Egypt?
2. What has God already told him that should make him feel better about going?
3. What happens when Moses throws down his shepherd staff?
4. Why is God going to show signs to His people through Moses?
5. Moses didn't want to do God's will, but he would learn to do so. How was Jesus different when it came to doing "His Father's" will?

A True Servant but Not the Savior

It is hard enough to imagine Moses dialoguing with YHWH, let alone giving Him pushback. But we don't need to imagine it, as that is just how it went down. The mission God is giving Moses is daunting, and I can't imagine any of us being any more eager than he was at the prospect of rallying Israel and confronting Pharaoh. His focus seems to be on his own inadequacy, which is a good thing for him to recognize, but he really needs to turn from looking at himself to focusing on YHWH Who promised to be with Him and guaranteed his eventual success. Make no mistake, it takes time, but Moses turns out to be "faithful *in* all God's house," as the author of Hebrews writes. But great and respected as Moses should be, he is a servant *in* God's house, not over it like a son. The ultimate Deliverer of God's people, from a far greater bondage than the tribes of Israel experienced in Egypt, needed to be entirely and uniquely qualified for the task. He would be the faithful *over* God's house. Such faithfulness required absolute resolve to do the Father's will, the height of which would be offering Himself as the willing sacrifice to atone for our sins. (Hebrews 3:1-6)