

LIVING MY BEST LIFE

Trusting The God Who Can

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I Corinthians 10:31 —So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, **do it all to the glory of God.**

Trusting the God who can...

1. Get me back ON TRACK.

Exodus 3:1-10 — One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up.

"This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

"Here I am!" Moses replied.

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground."

"I am the God of your father —the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them.

Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."

2. Overcome what HOLDS ME BACK.

Moses tells God about his...

- INADEQUACIES Who am I? (3:11)
- FEARS What will I say? (3:13)
- CHALLENGES What if they don't believe? (4:1)
- IDEAS Send someone else. (4:13)

God tells Moses about His:

- PRESENCE: I will be with you. (3:12)
- PREMINENCE: I AM who I AM. (3:14)
- POWER: I have power to work through you. (4:1-9)
- PROVISION: I have resources to help you. (4:11-17)

3. Use my steps of faith, to INSPIRE OTHERS.

Exodus 4:29-31 — Then Moses and Aaron returned to Egypt and called all the elders of Israel together. Aaron told them everything the Lord had told Moses, and Moses performed the miraculous signs as they watched. Then the people of Israel were convinced that the Lord had sent Moses and Aaron. When they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Matthew 5:14-16 — You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, that they may **see your good deeds** and **glorify your Father in heaven**.

Life Group Discussion & Questions

BREAKING THE ICE: Next Sunday is the Super Bowl. Will you watch? If so, who will you root for? If you're not watching, what other plans do you have instead?

DIGGING IN: Although this series is called "Living My Best Life" the focus has been more on God (and His glory) than on us (and our performance). But that's how God made our best life to work. When He's our focus, and His glory is our highest aim, all the other areas

of our life can begin to come into alignment. To reinforce that core belief, let's look how that plays out in the life of Moses. Read chapters 3 and 4 from the book of Exodus.

1. Where was Moses when this took place, and why was he there? (See Exodus 2:11-24). Can you relate to either running from something, or being in a season that felt more like a setback or being stuck on the sidelines, than about living your best life? Explain.
2. Review the three points, from this Sunday's message. Which one stands out most to you, and why? How does Moses' story encourage your own trust in God?

BRINGING IT HOME: Living My Best Life, does not require living a perfect life. It does require faith — and steps of faith. Those steps can inspire others to engage their faith. Is there any particular step of faith you are currently being challenged to take? Explain. Use those stories during your prayer time for one another. **Make 2018 about His glory, and He'll make 2018 about your growth!**