

Step Into Scripture: Shadows

Day 36 Reading: Exodus 19—21 and Day 36 of Step Into Scripture

Week 6 Lesson: Conversion & Commission

In this week's reading, we see God fulfill His promise by moving Jacob's family to Egypt, where they multiplied into millions, setting the stage for the Exodus. Moses is a key figure in God's plan to deliver His people from Egypt, despite Satan's efforts to thwart this plan through Pharaoh. Circumcision carries significant meaning in this plan, as both a physical and spiritual covenant with God, paralleled in the New Testament with baptism as part of the new covenant through Jesus. The call to conversion is inseparable from a call to commission, as seen in Moses' story. As members of the new covenant family, we must all identify our role in leading others to freedom in Christ, just as Moses was commissioned to lead the Israelites out of bondage.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the story of Moses' commissioning teach us about our own role in God's plan?
 - Moses' calling and the command from God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt provides examples of common objections and God's reassurances.
 - In what ways might you feel unqualified to fulfill a calling or task in your life? How can you find confidence through God's Word?
2. How do the themes of conversion and commission relate to one another in a Christian's life?
 - After we experience conversion (forgiveness of sins and new life in Christ), we receive a commission (a job to do) to help others find freedom from sin and new life.
 - Reflect on a time when you felt called to share your faith or help someone else. How did your conversion experience motivate you?
3. Why is it important for us to recognize and overcome the excuses we make when faced with God's calling?
 - The excuses Moses gave, such as not feeling capable or fearing rejection, were negated by God's sufficiency.
 - What specific excuses do you find yourself making when you feel called to do something challenging? How can you confront and overcome them?
4. How does understanding the concept of 'I AM' help us trust God in our daily lives?
 - God's response to Moses reveals His eternal nature and presence, which assures Moses of His support.
 - In what areas of your life do you need to remember that God is always present? How can this awareness change your perspective or actions?
5. What role does community play in fulfilling the commission that God gives us?
 - In the church, you can surround yourself with supportive people, like Moses' brother Aaron, to help fulfill Christ's commission.
 - Who are the 'Aarons' in your life that you can turn to for help? How can you support one another in living out God's calling?

Prayer:

- Ask for prayer requests from the group.
- Pray for the courage to respond to God's calling in our lives.
- Ask God to help us recognize who we need to lead out of bondage.