

MESSES & MIRACLES

WEEK 4 WILDERNESS

SERIES GOAL: BY LOOKING AT THE LIFE OF MOSES, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO RELATE TO GOD'S MIRACULOUS PLANS BEING ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH ORDINARY, BROKEN PEOPLE. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN THEIR OWN MESSINESS-AND EMBOLDEN THEM TO STEP INTO GOD'S CALL ON THEIR LIFE TO BRING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

BOTTOM LINE: MESSES DON'T DISQUALIFY YOU FROM MAKING A MARK.

SCRIPTURES: EXODUS 16:1-3, EXODUS 19:1, EXODUS 24:18, EXODUS 31:18, EXODUS 32:1-4, NUMBERS 13:27-32, NUMBERS 14:22, NUMBERS 14:34, ROMANS 5:1-5

- WHO ARE SOME OF YOUR HEROES? WHY?.
- RECAP MOSES'S LIFE UP TO THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA.
- REACT TO THE FACT THAT ONLY A MONTH INTO THE ISRAELITES' JOURNEY AS FREE PEOPLE, THEY WERE WANTING TO GO BACK TO SLAVERY, AND THREE MONTHS IN, THEY HAD ALREADY MADE AN IDOL AND GAVE IT CREDIT FOR THEIR FREEDOM. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?
- HAVE YOU EVER BELIEVED THAT BECAUSE YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, THINGS SHOULD GO ACCORDING TO PLAN AND BE EASIER FOR YOU? HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THIS NOT BE TRUE?
- WHY DID GOD NOT ALLOW THE ISRAELITES, INCLUDING MOSES, TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND IN CANAAN? HOW DOES JESUS MAKE THIS TRUTH NOT THE END FOR MOSES, THE ISRAELITES, OR US?
- WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO LET THE HOLY SPIRIT SHAPE YOU IN CHRIST-LIKENESS? HOW HAVE YOU TRIED TO CHANGE YOURSELF AND BEEN DISAPPOINTED?

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- HOW DO WE LIVE IN THE TENSION OF SEEKING TO BE CHRIST-LIKE AND LIVE WITH INTEGRITY, BUT STILL GIVE OURSELVES GRACE WHEN WE MESS UP?
- EXPLAIN THIS QUOTE: "GREAT PEOPLE DON'T DO GREAT THINGS FOR GOD; GOD DOES GREAT THINGS THROUGH SURRENDERED PEOPLE."
- HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD STILL USE BROKEN/MESSED-UP PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES AND MAKE A MARK FOR HIS GLORY?
- HOW HAVE YOU PERSEVERED WHEN THINGS HAVE GOTTEN HARD AND YOU DON'T "FEEL" GOD?
- WHO "PASSED THE BATON" TO YOU, OR WHO HAS DISCIPLED YOU AND GIVEN YOU LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES? HOW COULD YOU "PASS THE BATON" OF DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP WELL, EVEN NOW AS A STUDENT?

CHALLENGE: MAKE A GOAL TO SPEND 10 MINUTES IN GOD'S PRESENCE THREE TO FIVE TIMES THIS WEEK READING THE BIBLE, PRAYING, WORSHIPING, ETC. CONSIDER GOING BACK AND READING THROUGH MOSES'S STORY IN EXODUS AND ASKING GOD TO CEMENT THE THINGS IN YOUR HEART THAT HE SPOKE TO YOU THROUGH THIS SERIES.