



# REFLECTIONS

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**"Who am I, that I should go...?"**

*Exodus 3:11*

## Seeing a Winner

Entering his eightieth year, he must have believed life had passed him by. Memories of his early life faded with increasing speed. Pulled from the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter, raised and educated in royalty, prospects as an Egyptian prince must have felt exciting. But Moses allowed anger to get the best of him. He killed an Egyptian man for abusing a Hebrew.

Moses escaped into Midian, married the daughter of a priest, started a family, then seemingly became content to shepherd his father-in-law's flock. Still, he found himself a displaced Jew with poor speaking skills and aggressive tendencies to protect the abused. Moses may have believed himself a loser hiding from the world in the far side of Midian's desert. But Moses learned he hadn't hidden himself from God when *the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.* (Exodus 3:2)

God looked past low self-esteem, speech impediments and even murder to reveal his plan to Moses. He looked beyond flaws and failings to see a humble man who championed the underdog. He saw his compassion an abused Israelite even as Moses crossed the line by killing the aggressor. God saw Moses stand up for the wronged Hebrew in a fight between fellow countrymen; and God saw Moses liberate Midianite sisters from a group of unfriendly shepherds. In Moses God saw a winner.

God called Moses to an opportunity that fit his sympathies; and prepared him with insights into the issues and opportunities he should expect. He provided answers to challenging questions; armed him with tools to exercise the authority granted him; and surrounded him with people to shore up his limitations. And best of all, God pledged, *"I will be with you."*

God made Moses a winner even with his failings. And even with our faults, He makes us winners too. God gifted each of us in unique ways; He has given us tools and insights to serve his plan; He provides support through our friends, family, and coworkers. And best of all, his pledge:

*"and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

*You are the light of the world,*

*Richard +*

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