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Exodus 3:7

Who, Me?

Moses stood in awe of everything unfolding before him. He absorbed every word he heard God speak. He might have even detected a tremble in God's voice when He said, "*I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering...now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.*" (Exodus 3:7, 9) Then the shocker! "*So now, go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.*" (Exodus 3:10)

Few are called to lead a nation; but God has a purpose for every life; and truth be known, few feel prepared for it. Moses certainly didn't. He was an outlaw. Why would God pick him?

From the day he was born, God chose Moses for the job even though he was a murderer. He chose David although murder was only one of his many sins; and God chose Paul in spite of his zestful attacks on followers of the Way.

Moses protested God's assignment because he felt inadequate for the job. And it *was* a big one. He first had to convince Pharaoh to let the people go. Understanding that the Israelites, probably a million strong, made no small contribution to Egypt's economy, Pharaoh would not likely release them. To overcome Pharaoh's strong will, God's assignment called upon Moses' perseverance, and upon skills Moses did not possess. But whatever Moses couldn't do, God could. Sometimes we don't remember that.

God has a purpose for your life and mine. We may feel our assignment stretches beyond our abilities, but God parted the Red Sea for Moses. And God will be there for you.

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear
though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea...*
(Psalms 46:1-2)

You are the light of the world,

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