

How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 4** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! I hope you are noticing a theme in our reading. **God calls out individuals to participate in His sovereign plan.** His plan does not depend on these individuals so, His calling, or invitation to participate, must have another purpose. That purpose is obvious when you think about it. He allows us to participate with Him so we can learn more about Him. His calling is an act of grace and the task is a means for relationship. I believe it is crucial we understand this distinction. God does not call you because He needs you. God calls you because He wants you to know Him. The weight of the task is not on our shoulders. The outcome is already in God's hands. It is far too easy to get distracted by the enormity of the task and miss the one calling you to the task. In our reading today, Moses will offer up every excuse he can think of. He is obviously overwhelmed with the task and doesn't realize God is calling into a relationship not a job. If you can understand the difference in these two perspectives then you begin to see how ridiculous Moses' protest were. But... I bet his protests sound familiar to many of us. Your pastor included.

Things to pray about today:

1. God, teach us to rest in You and trust your plan.
2. What do You want to teach me about You as I follow You and Your calling?
3. What is standing in my way of fully experiencing You?

Today's Reading - Exodus 1-6

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: _____

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen