

...the main points again

What's it all about, Moses?

OR Who's it all about?

A matter of conversion-commission

'Do-be-do-be-do-be do'

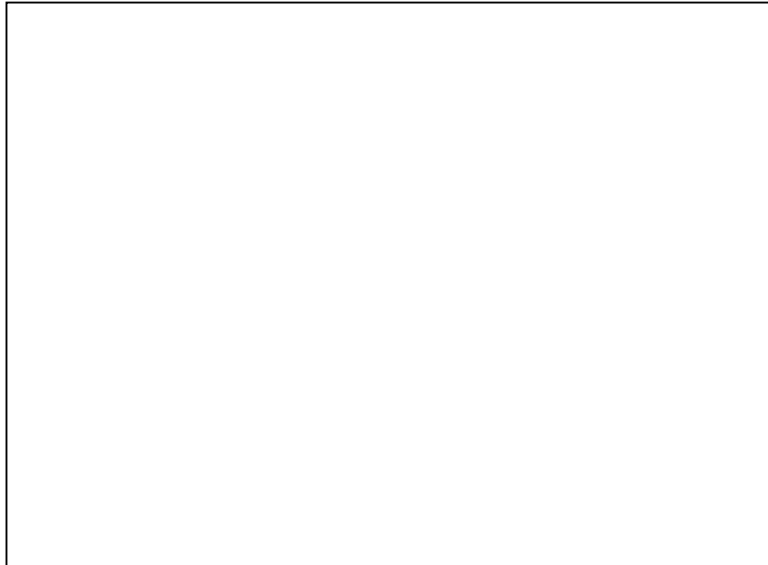
A story about adequacy and inadequacy

Encountering a holy God- a God who is 'different'

Encountering a God whose holiness is expressed in love

Encountering the familiar God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Conversion happens when our inadequacy is met by God's adequacy



The fire-starter God

- A fire that speaks of God's sufficiency
- A fire that speaks of God's otherness
- A fire that grabs people's attention

A God whose otherness is expressed not in his disinterestedness but in his compassion and involvement

The God who sees, hears, and is concerned

The God who comes down

The God who then ...sends US

Our belief in God is more than an abstract principle
We believe in God for and with our lives...

***Do not refuse to go because you are what you are,
but go because he is what he is...***

Two dimensions of a spiritual battle:

- A battle God fights against evil- in Egypt; in Christ on the cross
- A battle we fight with the help of the Holy Spirit to trust in God's adequacy

John the Baptist's battle-cry,

He must become greater; I must become less

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

...so what...

Before you look at the text, share together your ideas of Moses.
What do you associate with him?

Read the passage again.
What impression do you get of Moses? How do you respond to this? Moses is venerated as a hero of the faith...
Does this impression reassure you? Why?

What impression do you get of God as he is revealed here?
If you were basing your understanding of God's holiness on this passage, what do you think 'holy' might mean?

The LORD 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...So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Discuss these verses together.
If God sees, hears and is concerned, why does he send Moses?
Why does God not go himself? Or does he?
Who is going to bring the people out of Egypt?

How might we reflect on this discussion in the challenges we are facing?
Reflect on the words that a commentator has written summarising our passage,

***Do not refuse to go because you are what you are,
but go because he is what he is...***

Pray over the spiritual battle you are facing to trust that God is sufficient...

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– 2 Corinthians 12.9

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Travels with my Father

Firestarter

Exodus 3.1-4.17