



NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter

This month's SLD Newsletter features

- the upcoming Leadership Camp for boys and girls
- another Leading the Assembly class for Christian men and young men

Sign-up now for both of these SLD events!

Glenn

"... he who leads; with diligence..."
Romans 12:8

This month PAGE 2 looks at some elements of what it means to accept a call from God. Moses accepted a call to lead God's people out of bondage in Egypt. Today we are called to accept the Gospel call. The way we accept the call is crucial to an understanding of what God wants from us as we are faithful to Him through His Son. Accepting the Gospel of Jesus Christ includes a conversion - to bring about a change.

FINAL NOTICE TO: Slay a Giant!

Leadership Camp 2007

Boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 (including young people entering the 7th grade) need to reserve their spot at this year's Leadership Camp to be held July 30-August 3.

The site for this action-oriented camp will be on the back property at the church building. The cost is \$25 for the whole week!

T-Shirts

for Leadership Camp

will be ordered the first week of July. So, be sure to sign-up for Leadership Camp on or before July 1st, if you want a T-Shirt.

Don't Miss Out!
Sign-up Now!

Sign-up sheets
are on a table in the
south hall.



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for the members
of the Germantown
church of Christ as
we lead by being
Christian servants.

Leading the Assembly

Another Leading the Assembly class will be held beginning July 15th. This practical how-to class for Christian men and young men will help you to increase knowledge and gain experience in leading the assembly during worship services in the following areas:

- Reading Scripture
- Opening and Closing Prayers
- Comments and Prayers at the Lord's Supper
- Comments and Prayer for the Contribution

If you would like to gain experience in leading these elements of worship, come join us. These class sessions will be in a relaxed and comfortable environment to learn and practice leading.

Leading the Assembly
Sunday Mornings
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 p.m.
Starts July 15th
for 6 weeks

Sign-up Sheets in South Hall

Moses at the Burning Bush: A Calling

At the Burning Bush

In preparation for deliverance of the Hebrew people from bondage in Egypt God had a conversation with Moses at the burning bush. The discussion between God and Moses is recorded in Exodus 3:1 - 4:17. When told by God to lead His people Moses gave 5 points of resistance.

Point 1 - Who am I? *Moses displayed his own sense of inadequacy by saying, "Who am I?" to lead the people. The task was beyond the abilities of Moses and was, in fact, not in the realm of human capacity.*

God's Response *was to tell Moses He would be present with Moses as a sign to Moses and the people that God had sent him.*

Point 2 - What is His name? *Moses was concerned the people's response would be to ask the name of Who had sent Moses. Thus, Moses asked God, "What shall I say to them?"*

God's Response *is "I AM WHO I AM." God is sovereign and does not need to answer to anyone. Man cannot fathom God's greatness (Psalm 145:3). This statement from God has a sense of mystery; we cannot comprehend the fullness of God's power and glory. God is in control; from the beginning of time to the end of time.*

Point 3 - What if they do not believe me or listen to what I say? *Moses was also concerned the people would have disbelief that God had appeared to Moses.*

God's Response *was to demonstrate to Moses resources that could be used; resources that Moses did not even know were at his disposal. God turned Moses' staff into a snake and gave Moses leprosy and then restored Moses. These signs were examples of what God could and would do. Later God would redeem the people "with an outstretched arm and with great judgments" (Exodus 6:6).*

Point 4 - "I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." *Moses had difficulty with speaking. We don't know the exact issue, but Moses had a problem with speech. Moses was emphasizing that he was just a creature, who could not speak well.*

God's Response *was to emphasize that God is the Creator. The Creator gives people the ability to speak. God tells Moses to "go" and God would take responsibility.*

Point 5 - "Please, LORD, now send the message by whomever You will." *Moses last stand is to ask God to send the message by someone else.*

God's Response *was the "anger of the LORD burned against Moses." Yet God adapted to the situation and told Moses He would send Aaron with Moses. Aaron was to be as a mouth for Moses and Moses was to be as God to Aaron (4:16). Thus, even though God sent Aaron as the spokesperson, Moses retained the authority to lead the people of God out of Egypt.*

A Calling

When we read Exodus 3:1 - 4:17 about Moses speaking to God at the burning bush we may think why doesn't Moses step up to the task of leading the children of God out of bondage in Egypt? Why would Moses even hesitate to lead God's people? Moses must know that everything will turn out OK for him; so why doesn't he initially take on the task? Well, we know the end of the story, because we can read it; however, Moses lived it.

Why was Moses so resistant to accept the call of God at the burning bush? On the surface we might believe Moses was not willing to accept leadership responsibility or help the Hebrew people, but when we review Moses' actions in his life we see a man of strength, courage and love for the children of God.

Moses hesitated and even resisted the call of God because he took the call seriously. The call of God to Moses was a call of action and great loyalty; a devotion to God which would consume the life of anyone who accepted the calling.

In particular the call of God to Moses encompassed three aspects:

Lifestyle - *Moses' lifestyle would change. Moses had been in Pharaoh's house for 40 years and a shepherd for 40 years. To accept the call of God would require Moses to live a life in which hundreds of thousands of people would depend upon him for leadership and discernment.*

Vocation - *In addition Moses would have a change in vocation. The requirements of shepherding were certainly known by Moses, but this summons by God to shepherd the Hebrew people was a different course of action than the one to shepherd a flock or herd of animals.*

Risk of Life - *After living in the house of Pharaoh for 40 years Moses knew about the ways of the Pharaoh. Therefore, he knew that to go to Pharaoh and say "let my people go" was to place his very life at risk.*

The Gospel calls all of mankind to the salvation found in Jesus Christ yet few choose to accept the call. Matthew 22:14 states "For many are called, but few are chosen." When we accept the call to Christianity we shouldn't lower the bar of responsibility by seeing the call as a commonplace avenue to a carefree lifestyle. As Christians we have the assurance of a home in heaven with God for eternity, but also we should see how our calling should change our lifestyle, vocation and maybe even have a risk to our life someday.

Moses hesitated to the call of God because he took the call seriously. Let us as Christians take our call seriously. Let us be bold enough to make changes in our life to set the right example as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. By living the Christian life other people can see Christ in us!