**Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions**

**Week of January 9th, 2022**

**Sermon Series: A Beautiful Mess**

**Sermon Title: Moses: A Midlife Crisis**

**Primary Text: Exodus 2-4**

1. 2021 was a year of “unprecedented challenges that has required unconventional responses that often resulted in unexpected opportunities.
   1. **Please share with your group an unprecedented challenge you faced in 2021. How did you respond to this challenge? Were there any unexpected opportunities that emerged, and if so, what were the opportunities?**
2. Moses’ life had three (3) significant stages; attention has generally focused on:
   1. *Formative First Stage (Birth–40 years cf. Acts 7:23).*
   2. *Famous Third Stage (80–120 years cf. Acts 7:30).* 
      1. **From the 2 life stages mentioned above, please discuss your favourite or most memorable account in the life of Moses.**
3. In his message, Mike mentioned that “little attention is given to “Moses’ Challenging or Mid-Life Stage (40-80 years).” However, by examining Scripture within context we can observe three (3) crises that Moses faced in his second stage of life:
   1. *Cultural Crisis – Moses was a foreigner, an outsider from Egypt.*

* 1. *Family Crisis – Moses’ years of apparent infertility (Exodus 2:21-22). Moses most likely faced humiliation because he was unable to have children.*
  2. *Career Crisis – Moses was most likely still a “shepherd boy” who worked for his father-in-law at age 80.*
     1. **Are you able to relate to any of the three (3) crises that Moses experienced in his mid-life? If yes, which crisis or crises can you relate to? If no, talk about a crisis or crises that you have faced in your life. How have you sought to address the crisis or crises?**

1. Moses’ life was a “not so beautiful mess” with little hope for change until he had an unprecedented encounter with the God of the bush.
   1. **Share an experience where you have had an unprecedented encounter with God that resulted in your life undergoing significant change(s)?**
2. In *Exodus 3:13-15*, Scripture records Moses receiving an **unprecedented revelation** of God as “**I AM.**”
   1. **What does God’s self-revelation as “I AM” reveal to us about His “being and character?”**
3. Moses greatly depended on his “staff or rod” to sustain and keep him.
   1. **What are some things in life that you are tempted to place your trust in? Is there anything in your life you are bound to? If so, as a group, pray for God to grant you the strength needed to place your full trust in Him.**

1. In his message Mike shared the following excerpt:
   1. “*The year was 1940 and Gladys Aylward was in China leading 100 orphaned children away from the invading Japanese armies. Eight years earlier Gladys had moved from London to Yangcheng, China to serve God by serving lost children. Now with the invasion no one in the orphanage was safe and Gladys had no choice but to lead the children on a treacherous journey over the mountains to reach free China. After one particular sleepless night in the mountains, feeling overwhelmed by the month-long journey, Gladys was ready to give up hope. That was when one of her 13-year-old girls came to sit with her and encouraging Gladys with the story of Moses leading the people out of Egypt. “But I’m not Moses,” Gladys complained. “Of course, you aren’t” the young girl replied, “but Jehovah is still God.” That was a defining moment for the weary leader, and with God’s help she led all 100 children to safety.*”
      1. **In what ways are you hoping for our God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever to show Himself as the unprecedented transformer in your life right now?**