

Week 4



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“Uncle Lewis & the Fire That Refines”

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Main Scripture: Exodus 3:1–12 • Romans 8:28

Big Idea: God can use even our biggest mistakes to light a new purpose in our lives.

Takeaway: Your failures don’t disqualify you — they prepare you for God’s calling.

Exodus 3:1–12 (NLT) One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn’t burn up. “This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn’t that bush burning up? I must go see it. When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!” “Here I am!” Moses replied. “Do not come any closer,” the Lord warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.” “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering.” “So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live.” “Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them.” “Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.” But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?” God answered, “I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.”

When Moses failed, he thought his calling was **over**

Because of his mistake, Moses ran, hid, and believed God was finished with him.

God appeared to Moses in a bush that was on **fire** but didn’t burn up.

The fire didn’t destroy — it revealed God’s presence.

When God called Moses, Moses asked, “Who am **I**?”

Just like us, Moses doubted what God had already placed inside him.

God told Moses, “I will be **with** you.”

God doesn’t call us to sit back — He calls us to step out and trust Him.

A Polaroid picture looks blank at first, but the image just needs time to **develop**.

We’re the same way — God has already placed purpose inside us.

You’re not becoming loved — you **are** loved.

God’s calling is already in you, even if it’s not fully visible yet.

Romans 8:28 (NLT) “And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

Romans 8:28 reminds us that God doesn’t cause everything, but He can **use** anything. Even mistakes. Even pain. Even our “fires.”

Moses’ failure didn’t burn him down — it **lit** him up.

God used the worst thing in Moses’ life to launch his calling.

A simple prayer to pray this week: “God, light a new **fire** in me.”

Not a fire that destroys — a fire that refines.

Your failure is not **final**.

Because God is still developing what He placed inside you.

Where is your fire?

What’s one place God might be using in your life right now to shape you?

My past

My mistakes

My family My job/school

Something I’m afraid of

Something I’m praying about

Other: