

HEARING GOD'S CALL

DISCERNING GOD'S CALLING

Exodus 1 - 5

Message 1. Each of the periods of Moses' life was important to his development.

What lessons, skills, and attitudes did we learn in both the good and difficult times in our lives?

How to Discern God's Call.

1. Stay curious.

One of the greatest dangers to hearing God's calling is lethargy.

a. See the human needs.

"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood." Isaiah 58:7

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?...Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical

needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

James 2:14-17

b. Respond where God is moving.

"Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice." 1 Chronicles 16:10

2. Investigate the situations.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 5:7, 8

Second greatest danger to hearing God's calling is inaction.

"...the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you..." 1 Chronicles 28:9

3. Be available.

Third greatest danger to hearing God's calling is being closed.

"I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." Psalm 40:8