

IN SEASON | sermon series

The Man of God

“Tell everyone God’s message. Be ready at all times to do whatever is needed.”
2 Timothy 4:2 ERV ⁱ

Genesis 6:9

“Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.”

Pharaoh asked concerning the character of Joseph, ³⁸ *“Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?”* **Genesis 41:38**

Consulting the scriptures we find sinful men owning faith and wisdom that comes from a relationship with God.

What about today? Is there anyone out there who will represent the strength a Godly father can bring to the home?

Oh man of God, show yourself!

God called Moses out from among the crowd of unbelievers to lead His family!

Fathers are represented in Moses’ calling too.

We men show greater strength when we are placed on a mission.

We can follow detailed directions (not that we always do...) and we often perform much better when we have a goal to pursue.

Just like Moses, we need to be convinced that it’s the right thing to do!

Exodus 3:11-12

“But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’

¹² And God said, ‘I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.’

God told Moses to “go and get my kids out of danger! And after you do, bring them to me so we can celebrate (worship)!”

Moses probably would have acted more quickly if the Lord had told him to get Moses’ kids out of danger – the problem is, Moses didn’t have any kids.

(Moses) “Who am I that I should stand up to the leader of the Egyptian nation?”

A pharaoh in Egypt was considered a god among men and a man among the gods, the human holder of a divine office, the intermediary between the people of Egypt and the gods of the cosmos. ⁱⁱ

He was a secular contemporary of Moses – a Godly man – spokesman for the Divine Himself, the intermediary between the people of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and YHWH, the God of all. Moses was a human holder of God’s appointed office of prophet.

Put your insecurities behind you, focus on the greater good, and...

Understand who YOU are!

Moses didn’t know who he was. He was protected from the enemy, and consequently his identity was hidden from himself, too.

You are a child of God, but mere men!

And yet, God has called us to step up to the front line in defense of all the Godly generations who have gone before us and those who are watching us today!

When Moses was questioning God, he was asking for an excuse to abandon his mission.

Instead, God gave him credibility. Listen in to his conversation with God.

“Moses said to God, ‘Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?’¹⁴ God said to Moses, ‘I AM who I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”
(Exodus 3:13-14)

“I AM” is the equivalent of saying, “All you need to know is that ‘the **Original Being**, and the **Forever-Will-Be**’ has sent me.”

Men – this is our battle cry!

We say this to our kids, our colleagues, our friends and our enemies.

(If we’ve chosen our spouse after becoming a child of God then we won’t need to share this phrase with them because they already know.)

When asked, “Who do you think you are?”

Just remind them... *You are called by God!*

“All you need to know is that ‘the Original, and the Forever-Will-Be’ has sent me.” (Don’t mess with Him, or His plan!)

Let your family know who THEY can be!

¹⁵ *God also said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’”*

*‘This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.’”*

Lead your family to be God-honoring people – humbly seeking him in every turn.

How? Show them. Tell them. Advise them.

Don’t forget who your spiritual parents were, where they came from, who God wanted *them* to be, and where they were going.

Remind them that...

You STARTED with God on a Journey of Faith

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob’s stories have beginnings with God and His calling on their lives.

They are all stories of **surrender and obedience,**
sin and forgiveness,
humility and honor.

But through everything they were...

- **blessed** by God’s presence,
- **guided** by His vision, and
- **sustained** by His love.

The same has been true for every person of faith.

This will be true for all those who are yet to believe! Even your children and their children, and so on.

Guide them toward PROSPERITY AND PEACE.

God’s story of redemption begins with reconciliation and restoration.

The mass exodus toward freedom.

No longer slaves! (Leviticus 26:13)

Paul says, in Romans 6:6-7, *“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.”*

And continues toward a place of promise!

A land of provision and peace.

But...

The Promised Land was not easy.

It was a journey that required trust and belief.

But God has made our beginnings with Him simple... Trust and belief in Jesus.

Give them JESUS.

“God has reconciled all things to himself through Jesus...” (2 Corinthians 5:19)

When should we start with our kids? NOW!

Scriptures say, *“For [God] says, ‘In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.’ I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”* (2 Corinthians 6:2)

It’s never too early!

Man of God... Show yourself!!

ⁱ All scriptures will be utilizing the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise indicated.

ⁱⁱ Genesis 41:37-39, 14 entries, Encyclopedia of the Bible, Thomas Nelson Incorporated, April 2001.