



STUDY GUIDE – November 22, 2020

Message Series: BOLD
Message Title: Bold Sacrifice, Bold Blessing
Teaching Pastor: Brian Hughes

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Briefly share a “chicken-out” experience.

Pray:

Dear Lord, quiet our minds and open our hearts to You. We are grateful for this time to understand Your Word more fully, so that we can be transformed into who You have called us to be. Help us to know you more, so that we can appreciate all of what you have done for us and so that we can reach out and help a hurting world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Get Started:

- Share a time where you realized something needed to be achieved by bold action by someone, and then you realized you were that somebody. Briefly explain the scenario and outcome.

“What if somebody was right here. What if he or she was...me. What if God wanted to use me... what if he wanted to use you... to take Bold action that will produce a bold outcome to change people's lives in Bold ways? Seriously. The truth is, Somebody, is usually not an extraordinary person. Somebody is usually a normal man or woman who decides to act. Like Moses...” -Pastor Brian Hughes

Read 2 Corinthians 3:2-3.

Coming to the realization that you are the “somebody” oftentimes does not start with obedience. It's a process, as evidenced by Moses' narrative. Listen as Pastor Brian unpacks Moses' excuses.

Watch and Discuss video: (approx. 14 minutes)

Excuses given by Moses to God (Exodus Chapter 3 and 4):

1. I am a nobody.
 2. I don't have enough answers.
 3. I am not well-equipped for an argument.
 4. I have a deficiency/disqualifier.
 5. I have run out of excuses, so now I'm just saying no.
- Which excuse(s) do you most identify with that Moses gave God?
 - Are you surprised that God was still able to use Moses after his excuses? What can we learn from this that is applicable to our own lives when we are called by God?

Reflect and Commit:

“In the end, Moses commits - he goes all in. An ordinary guy that God calls to be the Somebody that does an extraordinary thing. And here’s what happens - Desperate people are delivered. Homeless people eventually find the promised land. Helpless people are empowered. Divided people are united. And all along the way, Moses gets to be a part of one miracle after another, because God needed somebody, and Moses was it. Of course, this is not just a fun piece of history. It’s not just the story of Israel in ancient times. It’s the story of you and me in our time.” -Pastor Brian Hughes

Read Hebrews 11:24-29.

- In Hebrews 11, the word "faith" is a verb; it describes action. (Yes, it stems from deep-seated belief, but that belief leads to action). How would you fill in this blank? Because I believe, I will _____.

Pray:

Dear Lord, help us to be faithful to follow you. You have allowed us both individually and as a church to be part, of Your work and have expanded our vision along the way. Through our commitment and bold sacrifice, we become a bold blessing. More people will come to know Jesus and more communities can be transformed. We’re the somebodies now who will experience one miracle after another, and we praise You for that. In Jesus’ powerful name. Amen.