



There is a God-given desire for adventure in all of us.

Opportunities come from unexpected encounters.

And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. *Exodus 3:2*

Problem to solve.

Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmaster. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey..." *Exodus 3:7-8*

Call to adventure.

"Come, I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." *Exodus 3:10*

1. I am not confident. *Exodus 3:11*
2. I don't have all the answers. *Exodus 3:13*
3. I have no credibility. *Exodus 4:1*
4. I can't speak. *Exodus 4:10*
5. I just don't want to. *Exodus 4:13*

If we live a life of excuses, we risk something far greater than the unknown.

We risk angering God.

Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses... *Exodus 4:14*

We risk not experiencing the reward God has prepared for us.

And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face... *Deuteronomy 34:10*

And there has not arisen another **Jedi Knight** in all the galaxy like **Luke Skywalker**, whom the Lord knew face to face.

And there has not arisen another _____ in all the world like _____, whom the Lord knew face to face.

For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Introduction

Just like Luke Skywalker, we find Moses full of excuses when God calls him to a great adventure. However, even though Moses had no confidence, didn't have all the answers, had no credibility, couldn't speak, and ultimately didn't want to, God still used him in a very powerful way.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the greatest or most daring adventure you have ever been on? How would you describe your level of reluctance to participate? If your reluctance was high, what changed your mind?
2. Read Exodus 3:1-4. You may not have had a "burning bush" moment in your life, but have you ever sensed God was calling you to leave the familiar and step into something unknown? If so, what was it?

God calls ordinary people to step into great adventures in order to accomplish His will. How does the idea that God wants to use you in His story make you feel? Why?

3. When God called Moses to step into something unknown he responded with several excuses. When you think of the opportunities God has placed in front of you, which of Moses' excuses have you used in the past? What kind of unique excuses have you created?

Every adventure has the opportunity for great reward. What are/were the potential rewards you missed out on because of excuses you made not to participate?

4. Read Deuteronomy 34:10. If this verse were to be written about you, what would you want it to say?

"And there has not arisen another _____ in all the world like _____, whom the Lord knew face to face."

What steps will you take in the coming week to start that adventure?

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

Now that the school year is over, school systems are looking at how they can help families in need prepare for the 2017-2018 school year. Can you collect and donate school supplies and bring them in between now and July 2nd? (Yellow #2 pencils, folders with prongs, spiral notebooks and 24-packs of crayons.)

Would your group consider investing in a child's opportunity to experience summer camp? A contribution of \$189 will provide the funding for a child to experience camp July 10th-July 14th. If everyone pitched in to help support a child, and then pray for them those days, you would make a huge impact in a child's life! Contact Katie Hall to work out your support khall@eclife.org.

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____.

I'm accountable for _____, and their action steps are _____.

My memory verse is _____.

This coming week, I'm praying for: