



# Shepherd's Path

## A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

### God is Our Rescuer Series, Lesson 3

**Lesson Title:** Sign Up for the Rescue Team

**Take Home Point:** God calls us to help with his rescue.

#### Warm-Up:

Not only does an emergency rescue team have the required tools when they go out to assist someone, each member of the team has a specific set of assignments for which they are selected and trained. Sometimes the selection is done on a volunteer basis, "Yes, I'd like to do that job." More likely, though, each person is selected based on qualifications, skills, or experience. The leader making the choices of job assignments must have a thorough understanding of what needs to be done and the kind of qualifications required to be successful in doing the job.

**Read:** Exodus 2:11-4:17

#### Observation (What happened?):

Who spoke to Moses out of the burning bush?

What name did God tell Moses to speak when the people asked who sent him?

#### Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Did God expect Moses to free the Israelites by his own power?

Why do you think Moses was reluctant to do what God told him to do?

#### Insight:

Notice the response of Moses in Exodus 3:4 when the Lord called his name from the burning bush: "Here I am." It is the response God wants to hear when he calls on someone to do his will. In Genesis 22, Abraham said the same thing when God called him to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham repeated it when the angel of the Lord rescued Isaac just before Abraham slayed his only son. Abraham's grandson, Jacob, responded to God's call in the same way in Genesis chapters 31 and 46. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 3 captures Samuel speaking that phrase when God called his name. In Isaiah 6:8, Isaiah cried out, "Here I am! Send me!" when God asked who would do his will. Finally and best of all, Jesus responded to his Father with the same words. Hebrews 10:7(NIV) records that Jesus said, "Here I am... I have come to do your will..." "And because he was willing to do that, everyone who calls on his name today is rescued from sin and death! When God calls, it's always worth responding!"

#### Application (What does it mean to me?):

To what part of his rescue plan has God called you? Who around you needs his rescue?

What is he telling you to do for those people? How are you responding to his call?