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When Moses put God First

Putting God first can be difficult. What can we learn from Moses that will help us put God first in our lives today?

Moses tried to save the people through his own power. It didn't work. In fact, he was banished from Egypt and his dreams were dead. After decades working as a shepherd in the desert, something strange happened to Moses. God called him to revive the dreams of his youth—to see the people of Israel freed from slavery.

Moses wasn't ready. He could no longer speak properly and believed he was too old to challenge Pharaoh. He was right about that. For Moses, putting God first meant refusing to believe in his own ability and strength. It meant putting his whole life in God's hand and accepting the call based on God's power, not his own inadequacies. Here is Exodus 4:10–12:

> "Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.'

So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

Because Moses put God first, his entire nation was rescued from slavery. Moses wasn't perfect and neither are we. Like God called Moses, He is still calling us to put Him first in our lives. Each of us has a special mission that can only be achieved by putting God first. Even though this can be difficult, the Holy Spirit helps us with the courage to do it.

Moses put God first. His example compels us to do the same. As the deacons collect the tithe and offerings, we are challenged to put God first.