

# Killing Giants

## Beyond Ourselves (Week 4)

LifeNotes

### TALK IT OVER

#### Main Idea

Doubts fade when we shift our focus from our frailties to God's powerful faithfulness.

#### Key Scriptures

*"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." Exodus 3:5-10 NIV*

*But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 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." Exodus 3:11-12 NIV*

*Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?" Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Exodus 4:1-3 NIV*

*Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. Exodus 4:11-14 NIV*

#### Start talking

- What is your most-used emoji?
- What is the worst job you've ever had?

#### Start thinking

- Read Exodus 3:11-12. What do you think was going through Moses' mind in this question? Why do we so often think we're unworthy for the tasks God calls us to?
- Read Exodus 4:1-3. What's the significance of the snake and the staff? What is God trying to teach Moses about the source of his strength?
- Read Exodus 4:11-14. In what ways do Moses' excuses mirror our own? What stands out to you in God's responses to him?

#### Start sharing

- In what ways do you most struggle with the shadow giant of self doubt?
- How does God's presence, power, and authority help you overcome your doubts? Why is this more reassuring than your own talent and charisma?
- Where have you allowed doubt to paralyze you and prevent you from fulfilling God's call on your life?

#### Start doing

- What can you do this week to lean into God's presence?
- What does it look like to anchor yourself to His unchanging character?