

Re-Engage: Get in the Game

Discuss:

We are wrapping up a sermon series titled “Re-Engage” where we have looked at the life of Moses and how he was trained and prepared for a divine mission, ran from that mission, and ultimately re-engaged and successfully completed that mission with God’s help. Our topic for this week is called “Get in the Game” and this directive is also a very appropriate message for us as well.

What are some things that God wants you to accomplish for His Kingdom? How have you done in engaging in that mission? Are you seated in the bleachers or are you engaged “on the field”? Let’s see how Moses was able to get in the game and re-engage and how God blessed his efforts. He will do the same for us!

- Slowly and carefully read the text 2-3 times, reflecting on what is being said.
- Put a question mark beside words or phrases that are confusing to you.
- Underline the key thoughts or phrases that seem to be the main point(s) of the passage.

Exodus 4:18-31 (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me go back to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well."

¹⁹ Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who wanted to kill you are dead."

²⁰ So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

²¹ The LORD said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go."

²² Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son,

²³ and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'"

²⁴ At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met [Moses] and was about to kill him.

²⁵ But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched [Moses'] feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said.

²⁶ So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.)

²⁷ The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the desert to meet Moses." So he met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him.

²⁸ Then Moses told Aaron everything the LORD had sent him to say, and also about all the miraculous signs he had commanded him to perform.

²⁹ Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites,

³⁰ and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people,

³¹ and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Discuss:

- What are some things we can learn about God/Jesus/His plan from this passage?
- What do we learn about people?

Apply:

- What does God want me to understand?
- What does God want me to do?

Prayer Time:

- Pray for direction in what God desires for you to do.
- Pray for courage to act on God's wishes for you.
- Pray for someone who can encourage you and keep you accountable.