

Week 1.

- Have you ever taken a big risk and stepped out in faith - unsure of what might happen next?
- Read Acts 7:17-36
- There were many turning points in Moses' life. Can you identify key moments from this passage?

When Moses struck the Egyptian (v24-25) he thought he was doing the right thing in defending his people. He acted instinctively without forethought or reference to God. As a result he fled into the desert because he had misunderstood the situation.

- How much of your life do you think is in your control? *
- How has God shown you that controlling your life is merely an illusion? *
- How did Moses react when he realised it was God speaking to him from the burning bush?
- Moses was instructed to return to Egypt to initiate a rescue of his fellow Israelites. Have you ever been asked to return somewhere you have previously left in an uncomfortable manner?
- Do you think the 40 years that Moses spent in the desert as a shepherd before his encounter with God was necessary? Why?
- In what ways might he have changed?
- Is risk taking (when God asks you to) easier or harder the longer you have been a Christian? Discuss.
- Why do you think Moses, who is presented as being 'singularly ill equipped' for the task of his people's deliverance, was chosen for the job?
- Do you agree that 'incompetence may be the essential qualification, lest we presumptuously start taking over something we have no way of comprehending, let alone controlling.'?
- Close in prayer for one another.



I Am Who Am

Moses - Friend of God

*'How great you are, Lord
greater than my mind can imagine.
Give me the humility to see my life in reference to
yours,
to see how small and insignificant I am,
how feeble and weak.
And yet for such a small and insignificant person as
me,
you humble yourself to seek me out,
to speak to me and to send me out to speak for you.
How humbling that is, Lord,
and how ennobling.
Give me courage to represent such an awesome God as
you.....*

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