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Awareness of God's Grace at Work

Ephesians 2: 10 NIV

10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Handiwork = made, crafted or composed by an artist or author

What Was Moses' Assignment?

Exodus 3: 7 NIV

7 "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."

Exodus 3:8 NIV

8 "So, I have come down to rescue them..."

Exodus 3: 10 NIV

10 "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

How Did God Equip Moses?

Assurances about the future - (Exodus 3: 12; 21-22)

Knowledge of who God was - (Exodus 3: 14 – 15)

Instructions about what to say to the Israelites, the elders and to Pharoah - (Exodus 3: 15 – 18)

Spiritual and miraculous experiences to build his faith – (Exodus 4: 2 -9)

God Equips Us

Hebrews 13: 20-21 NIV

20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

What Did God Provide?

People (Exodus 4: 14b - 16; Exodus 24: 13; Exodus 18)

Presence (Exodus 3: 12; 13: 21- 22)

Physical Provision (Exodus 15: 25 & 27; 16: 11-12; Deuteronomy 29: 5)

God's Provision for Us

People

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12: 27 NIV

Presence

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and
be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. John 14: 16-17a NIV

Physical Provisions

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be
given to you as well. Matthew 6: 33 NIV

What Next?

Hebrews 11: 27 NLT

27 It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

Discussion Questions

1. What fears, insecurities or concerns can hold us back when we sense God asking us to do something?
2. Ephesians 2:10 describes us as God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works that He prepared in advance. How might this influence the way we approach opportunities to serve God and others?
3. How have you experienced God providing what you needed when stepping into something challenging?
4. Which of God's provisions do you most need to rely on when stepping out in faith: people, His presence or physical provision?
5. What practical step could you take this week to respond to God, even if you don't yet know exactly how everything will work out?

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