

Who Does God Lead?

(Exodus 3:1-4)

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- He leads those who are waiting.
 - ✓ When we are waiting on God, we are listening, watching and staying alert.
 - ✓ When we are stuck in the desert, it is easy to become preoccupied with what we cannot do.
 - Steve Hartman: Three wishes
 - ✓ When the disciples were waiting, Jesus told them to “watch and pray”.
 - Moses “turned aside to look”. He was watchful.

- He leads those who are serving.
 - ✓ Ruth Harms Calkin: I wonder
 - Serving almost always flows contrary to the direction of the world.
 - J.B. Phillips: The altered Beattitudes
 - Philippians 2:3-4 (NASB)

- He leads those willing to endure with grace.
 - ✓ God’s prescription for His people in the captivity of Babylon: Jeremiah 29:5-7.
 - ✓ Remember Denial and his friends, who were taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar’s armies (Daniel 1:9).
 - ✓ God can lead us when we stop complaining.

- He leads those who are willing to try one more time.
 - ✓ In a hot desert, where your soul becomes dry, it is easy to become cynical.
 - ✓ In Luke 5, Jesus tells a tired and weary Peter to try again (v. 4b-5a).
 - Peter and his friends were fishermen. They knew those water better than anyone.
 - But Peter agrees to try again (v. 5b).
 - The power of “nevertheless”!

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- He leads those who are available.
 - ✓ When we are reduced to nothing, the only thing left is a miracle.
 - ✓ 1 Corinthians 1:27-28