

WE NEED EACH OTHER

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CHARACTER LESSONS

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We encourage you to read 1 Kings 17:1–2 Kings 2:11 for an overview of the life of Elijah in preparation for the July 11th message “How To Be Bold for God.”

Exodus 4:10–16 (NLT) ¹⁰ But Moses pleaded with the LORD, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.” ¹¹ Then the LORD asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD?” ¹² Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.” ¹³ But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.” ¹⁴ Then the LORD became angry with Moses. “All right,” he said. “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he speaks well. And look! He is on his way to meet you now. He will be delighted to see you. ¹⁵ Talk to him, and put the words in his mouth. I will be with both of you as you speak, and I will instruct you both in what to do. ¹⁶ Aaron will be your spokesman to the people. He will be your mouthpiece, and you will stand in the place of God for him, telling him what to say.

1 Corinthians 12:12–27 (NLT) ¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ....¹⁸ But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” ²² In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.... ²⁷ All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NLT) ⁹ Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰ If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. ¹¹ Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? ¹² A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Psalms 139:13–16 (NLT) ¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven

Five Lessons:

1) We are more effective for God when we _____ with other people.

- See Exodus 4:10-16, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, and Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

God created us with a need for other people.

2) We need to _____ with the role and abilities God gives us.

- See Psalm 139:13-16

God wants us to learn to be content with who He made us to be and quit trying to be someone else.

3) Our impact and effectiveness is affected by our _____ with God.

- See Exodus 32:1-9, Exodus 32:19-26, Exodus 32:35

Our bad choices in life almost always have a negative impact on our lives and on the lives of those close to us.

together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Exodus 32:1-9 (NLT) ¹ When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. "Come on," they said, "make us some gods who can lead us. We don't know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt." ² So Aaron said, "Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters, and bring them to me." ³ All the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, "O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar in front of the calf. Then he announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the LORD!" ⁶ The people got up early the next morning to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, they celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry. ⁷ The LORD told Moses, "Quick! Go down the mountain! Your people whom you brought from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. ⁸ How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted down gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it. They are saying, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.'" ⁹ Then the LORD said, "I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are.

Exodus 32:19-26 (NLT) ¹⁹ When they came near the camp, Moses saw the calf and the dancing, and he burned with anger. He threw the stone tablets to the ground, smashing them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ He took the calf they had made and burned it. Then he ground it into powder, threw it into the water, and forced the people to drink it. ²¹ Finally, he turned to Aaron and demanded, "What did these people do to you to make you bring such terrible sin upon them?" ²² "Don't get so upset, my lord," Aaron replied. "You yourself know how evil these people are. ²³ They said to me, 'Make us gods who will lead us. We don't know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.'" ²⁴ So I told them, 'Whoever has gold jewelry, take it off.' When they brought it to me, I simply threw it into the fire—and out came this calf!" ²⁵ Moses saw that Aaron had let the people get completely out of control, much to the amusement of their enemies. ²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and shouted, "All of you who are on the LORD's side, come here and join me." And all the Levites gathered around him.

Exodus 32:35 (NLT) ³⁵ Then the LORD sent a great plague upon the people because they had worshiped the calf Aaron had made.

Exodus 16:2 (NLT) ² There, too, the whole community of Israel complained about Moses and Aaron.

4) We should live to _____ and realize that others may be critical of what we are doing.

- See Exodus 16:2

Even when you are pleasing God, there will often be people critical of your actions and believe you should be doing something different.

5) We need to be willing to do _____ us to do.

Aaron had a willingness to do whatever needed done.

Are you willing to do whatever God asks you to do?

**What do you need to do
in response to today's message?**

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