

September 27/28, 2025

"Moses"

Pastor Brad Holmes



**Beyond the  
Weekend**

## **SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY + ACT.**

### **2025 Focus: 50 Key Truths**

Each Friday, explore a key truth about our Christian faith and how we can live in light of this truth.

---

## Day 1 [Exodus 2](#) | Dead End

**"During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God."** Exodus 2:23

Four hundred years after Joseph, the Israelites are enslaved by a new pharaoh. God blesses them with great growth, which makes Pharaoh afraid. During this time, Moses is born under an order to kill all Hebrew baby boys. He is rescued by an Egyptian princess and raised in the palace, safe from slavery. Though raised as part of Pharaoh's household, Moses chooses to identify with his people, the Hebrew slaves. After a mistake forces him to flee, he spends forty years in a foreign land as a shepherd. It seems his life has come to a dead end, but in the desert, God meets him and begins his plan of rescue.

God often does his best work in the deserts and dead ends of life. Even when he seems silent, he is working. Nothing can stop his plans. The same is true for us. When grief feels overwhelming and there seems to be no way forward, when disappointment leaves us wondering what God is doing, when failure feels final, we can have faith that God is working. He calls us to turn to him and trust him in every season.

**TODAY:** Throughout your day, return to God with a prayer of gratitude, no matter your feelings or circumstances. Over time, gratitude will naturally flow from a heart convinced of its need for God. "God, I trust you are at work in my life. Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_."

## Day 2 [Exodus 3:1-7](#) | The God Who Sees

**"The LORD said, '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 3:7**

At the burning bush, God reveals himself, his promises and his plan to Moses. The ground is called "holy" not because of the place, but because of God's presence. Moses responds with respect and awe. God tells Moses that he knows Israel's suffering. God sees their pain, hears their cries and cares for them. God is about to act and invites Moses to join in his rescue plan.

The same God who met Moses meets us today. He sees our needs and hears our cries. God responded to our greatest suffering through his rescue plan of salvation. As Paul tells Titus, we were once trapped by sin, but when God's kindness and love appeared, he saved us ([Titus 3:4](#)). We didn't earn or achieve salvation, but God saw that we needed it and sent it to us. In Jesus, he sent the ultimate gift in response to our greatest need.

**TODAY:** Have you received God's gift of salvation through Jesus? God's invitation is open to you. You don't have to wait until you feel ready or worthy. He is ready to meet you where you are. Put your trust in Jesus today and step into forgiveness, freedom and new life he offers. If you have any questions about what it means to trust and follow Jesus, email us at [btw@adabible.org](mailto:btw@adabible.org). We'd love to have a conversation with you.

## Day 3 [Exodus 3:8-12](#) | The God Who Sends

**"So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."** Exodus 3:10

After forty years in the desert, eighty-year-old Moses is ready to hear from God. God sees him, comes near and gives him a mission. Fear and insecurity take over, and Moses quickly lists all the reasons he is not qualified to be sent. But instead of giving Moses a detailed plan, God gives himself. "I Am" –the eternal, unchanging God- "will be with you." His presence with Moses is essential to the call. This promise will be confirmed to Moses when he brings the people out of Egypt and they "serve God on this mountain."

We often respond like Moses by offering excuses about our weakness and fear. We think we don't know enough to share Jesus with our friends. We are afraid we lack the skill or spiritual gift to serve God in a certain area. Or maybe we think we don't have enough time to join a small group and engage in Christian community. But God does not point us back to ourselves. He points us to his name. God reminds us that he is our strength, protection and confidence wherever he sends us. On our own, we are not enough. But with God's Spirit living in us, his power works through us ([2 Corinthians 4:7](#)).

**TODAY:** Consider where God has placed you in this season of life. Who, in your circle of influence, needs to hear about Jesus and his love? Write down your fears and insecurities about sharing your faith and ask God to remind you of his presence at work in and through you. Explore Moses's story further on the *Beyond the Weekend Podcast*—find it wherever you listen to podcasts or on YouTube [HERE](#).

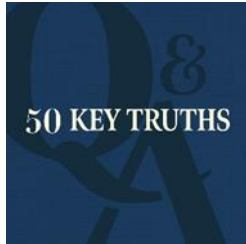
## Day 4 [John 8:58-59](#) | I Am

**"'Very truly I tell you', Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!'"** John 8:58

Jesus is born thousands of years after Moses. The Jewish leaders hate him and try to find a way to kill him. They accuse Jesus of not being from God. In this heated debate with Jewish leaders, Jesus makes a bold claim: "Before Abraham was born, I am." By using God's holy name, Jesus declares that he is the same God who spoke to Moses at the burning bush. The leaders immediately understand the weight of his words and try to stone him.

Jesus is the Son of God—fully God and fully man. He lived a perfect life, died on the cross in our place, and rose again so we could have a right relationship with him now and forever. Jesus is the "I Am," the one who brings life, freedom and healing. Only through him can we be forgiven, restored, and made new. This truth calls for a response. Jesus is not just a teacher or prophet but the eternal God who invites us to trust him completely. Our worship is shown not only in words but in daily surrender—presenting ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God ([Romans 12:1](#)).

**TODAY:** Worship God for being the eternal, all-powerful I Am. He is with you and at work. Join Ada Bible Worship as they sing "[In Christ Alone](#)." Thank God for sending Jesus to save you from your sins. One way to grow deeper in your faith in Jesus is through our Ada Bible Academy Classes, starting Thursday, October 16. Topics include Made for More: Understanding God's Design for Sexuality and Live it Well: Charting a God-Centered Course for your 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Learn more and register [HERE](#).



## Day 5 [1 Peter 2:9-10](#) | Question 38: Church Metaphors

**Question:** What are some biblical metaphors for the church?

**Answer:** The Bible describes the church as the people of God, God's flock, the body of Christ, and the bride of Christ.

**"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9**

Peter writes to scattered believers to help them remember their identity and purpose as God's people. He uses metaphors God used for Israel to help them grasp their new calling in Jesus. They are a "chosen people" selected by God himself, a "royal priesthood" with direct access to God and the responsibility to lead others to him and a "holy nation" set apart for God's purposes. Peter explains that they are God's "special possession," speaking of ownership, family and calling, whether they were Jew or Gentile. They belong to God alone and are given a distinct status as his people.

Scripture provides many metaphors to help us understand our identity and purpose as the church. We are the people of God, chosen, assembled and sent by him. As God's flock, we follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who leads, feeds and protects us. We are utterly dependent on him for guidance ([John 10:14-16](#)). As the body of Christ, every member has purpose and responsibilities. We need each other to grow and function in a healthy way ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#)). All followers of Jesus form one body with Christ as the head ([Colossians 1:18](#), [Romans 12:4-5](#)). Perhaps most intimately, we are Christ's fully loved bride. Jesus loves us as the most faithful and committed husband could ever love his wife ([Matthew 9:15](#), [Ephesians 5:25-27](#)). These metaphors reveal how profound and meaningful the church is to God.

**TODAY:** Reflect on which metaphor for the church resonates with you most. Thank God for choosing you as part of his people, flock, body and bride. Ask him to help you live out your identity and fulfill your role in his church. Learn more about the church in our We Believe document [HERE](#).