Sermon Reflections

Fit to Serve, Part 2 (Exodus 6:10-7:7)

Summary: Fitness to serve the Lord stems from two things: a realization of our unfitness apart from Christ, and the reassurance of God's plan to use us anyway.

Reassurances to Serve the Lord

- 1. Review God's Grace Found Among His Promised People (see Part 1 on 11/13)
- 2. Recall God's Power Found in His Promised Word (6:28-7:7) God's Word Gives...
 - A. The Power to Speak for God (vv. 1-2)
 - Like Moses, believers today are commissioned (e.g. Matthew 28:18-20) to be ambassadors (e.g. II Corinthians 5:20-21) for God to an unbelieving world. Do you actively and accurately present truth from God's Word to the world? When is the last time you spoke these life-giving words of the gospel to an unbeliever? What hinders you in this area?
 - Like Pharaoh, many often harden their hearts to the Word of God. Do you listen and receive and obey the Word as taught by others in your life? Read James 1:22-25. What is a sign that you are actually receiving the Word?

B. The Power to Accomplish God's Plan (vv. 3-5)

• Do you get surprised or disappointed when you encounter resistance to the gospel message? How do you ensure that you do not lose hope amid opposition? Faithfully preach the gospel. Where do you need to begin planting and watering seed while praying for God to provide growth (see I Corinthians 3:1-9)?

C. The Power to Prepare God's Servants (vv. 6-7)

- We saw in Exodus 5 that Moses and Aaron chose to tweak the message from God before delivering it to Pharaoh. Here we see Moses and Aaron finally doing "just as the LORD commanded them." When do you find yourself trying to tweak the message of God's word to be more palatable or less offensive? How can you avoid this?
- Do you think Moses and Aaron felt unqualified for their task as men in their eighties? What are some ways you would feel unfit to be a messenger of the Word apart from Christ? How can the example of Moses and Aaron equip and strengthen you to serve despite your natural inadequacies?