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“Declaring God’s grace & Demonstrating God’s love”

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In his book, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* (© 2017 Abingdon Press) Adam Hamilton says this about Moses: “He is the single most important figure in the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) and his presence is felt throughout the Christian New Testament” (p. 9). Moses is commonly known as the *deliverer* and the *lawgiver*, for the role he played in leading his people out of slavery in Egypt. Then he led them through the wilderness to the Promised Land, receiving the Ten Commandments at Sinai when God again establishes a Covenant with his people.

The life and actions of Moses dominate the second book of the Bible, the book of Exodus. I don’t think it’s a stretch to say that without the book of Exodus it would be hard to understand God’s plan for the redemption of humanity. In fact, much of the rest of the Bible explains and elaborates and completes God’s plan revealed in the book of Exodus.

When Exodus opens, Israel has been in crushing bondage for several generations. They are reaching the point of understanding that their only hope rests in God’s intervention. They are beginning to cry out to God for help. As we read the story of Exodus together we can ask God to show us areas of our life where we are still trying to work things out on our own, rather than seeking and following the plan that God has in mind for us. Living in the midst of COVID-19 is a type of bondage and we can learn much from Moses’ reluctance to answer God’s call as God makes us aware of what he is calling us to do as a church.

We are offering an adult study of *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* beginning Sunday, September 6, 2020 in Sharpe Hall from 9:45 to 10:45 AM. God willing, we intend to resume in-person Sunday School for children on Sunday, October 18, also at 9:45 AM. Stay tuned for developments and updates regarding our children’s ministry programs.

All ages are invited to join us at 8:30 or 11:00 AM on Sunday morning for in-person worship services or at our YouTube channel for online worship. The story of Moses is the defining story of the Jewish people. The life of Moses serves as the backdrop for much that is found in the Gospels and the Epistles. We can all learn from Moses’ story something about God, something about ourselves and something about God’s will for our lives.

In Christian love & service,
Pastor Karl