



Can Someone Else Go?

Exodus 4:13-17

Days 29-35

Even after learning our spiritual gifts, knowing who we are in Jesus, becoming confident in who God is, and identifying areas where we can be more intentional in our lives, we still often hesitate to live out our calling. Maybe we, like Moses in Exodus 4, don't want to follow God's purpose for us because we are afraid, lack in faith, or are just complacent and comfortable. Whatever the hesitancy is for each of us, the antidote is believing that God is with us and that he provides others to walk side by side with us. Living on purpose is a team sport and is most successfully done with the help and encouragement of other people. In our work for him, God provides sisters and brothers to be our spiritual companions.

Let's get started. . .

1. What stands out from Sunday's sermon and helps you understand this week's theme? Take a moment and review the Day Twenty-Nine reading. What do you note that helps you remember this week's question?
2. Watch the "Can Someone Else Go?" teaching video. Reflect on it and discuss your thoughts.
3. This week's devotions focus on five specific ways a community of believers supports one another. You may want to highlight all five or choose just one of the devotions to focus on to answer the following:
 - Of the five ways (Love, stir up, encourage, grow, work) which have had the most impact in your life of serving with others?
 - Of these, which do you need the most right now? Which are you most likely to share?
 - Take some time and talk through how your group can live these out with one another.
4. Just as God promised to be with Moses. Jesus promises he will be with you and me. How does the Day Thirty-Five devotional encourage you as you think about how you are called to live intentionally and within God's purpose for your life?
5. Keep in mind that one of the beautiful "on purpose" plans of God is that your group, together, embodies multiple spiritual gifts. When your group is functioning well in using all of its member's gifts, it is designed to be a mini-church that brings life and light to your community.

6. Based upon your group's gifts, identify people and places that your group could focus on serving and helping. Take time to identify an individual, a family, or group of people that your group can serve in specific ways. For example, consider a particular school, a sports team, or a location in your community that could be blessed by your group.
7. Read Exodus 4:13-17. God provided Aaron as a spiritual companion in Moses' journey. God can do the same for you and me. Take a moment and write down 2 or 3 names of fellow believers who could encourage you to live on purpose.
8. Now that you've identified a couple of people, where are the places you could serve together as you are called to live on purpose? Are you willing to have these friends to pray for you and hold you accountable as they encourage and work with you?

Ok, so now what. . .

Final Takeaway. . . What is one specific way you will live on purpose this week?

Next Steps. . .

- Contact the 2-3 people you identified. Invite them to journey with you in prayer, service, encouragement, and accountability for the next month, and perhaps beyond. Share how God has been guiding you through this study and showing you your gifts.
- Keep completing your daily reading.

For Further Reflection. . .

- Spend some time with the resources located in the Appendix for Week 5.
- There are a number of written resources that explain how a smaller group of people can commit to sharing their lives and encouraging one another. We suggest that you to read any of the following:
 - *Sacred Companionship* - David Benner
 - *Transforming Discipleship* - Greg Ogden