



Change gives space for more voices to be heard if we'll let them. God raises up teams and individuals to address the things before His church. Are we giving space for “others”—those who are different or have different opinions than us—to be heard? Collaboration and invitation have to be key words for LGPC's future together.

## Opening Question:

When have you felt underqualified or just plain intimidated by a job or task you were expected to take on?

**Read:** Exodus 6:28-7:6

What most resonated with you from the passage or from the sermon this past weekend?

What helps you connect with God—a special meeting place? A practice (such as lighting a candle, playing music, journaling)? A posture (walking, kneeling, open hands)? Being in a certain setting or location?

## Understanding the Story:

God selects two elderly men to do the difficult tasks of confrontation and appeasement (to the bemusement of pharaoh). How might God's selection of Moses and Aaron (age, lack of confidence and/or experience) reorient and inspire our thinking about who God calls to do His work?

Moses asks God why Pharaoh would listen to him since he had “faltering lips” (NIV 6:30). By this he meant that he wasn't eloquent or quick-witted enough to respond to Pharaoh. Yet God responds by telling him that “I have made you like God to (him).” (And in 10:16, 17, we see Pharaoh cowering before Moses). Have you ever felt empowered by God to do something that you were not confident on your own to do?

Though Pharaoh relented several times, his heart continued to harden. What causes our hearts to grow hard?

## Living the Story:

Dwight Moody has been quoted as saying, “Moses spent forty years in Pharaoh's court thinking he was somebody, forty years in the desert learning that he was nobody, and forty years showing what God can do with a somebody who found out he was a nobody.” Have you had a desert experience where God brought you face to face with your limitations and His strength?

God not only gives each of us gifts, but He commissions us to learn what they are and to use them, empowered by the Holy Spirit. What have you learned about your gifts or what questions do you have related to them? Discuss.

Spiritual formation is about the life-long process of being formed to be like Jesus. Moses' life is a great example of that journey toward God. In your journey, at what point/s have you felt God's hand most profoundly?

### **Pray:**

Spend some time praying specifically for any leaders who come to mind in your life or community whom God might be nudging you to hold up in prayer. Think not only of church leaders but school, workplace, nation and global leaders.