

12th YAG RETREAT: SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP I

Text: Exodus 4:18-26

Session #5

NECESSARY ACTION (Preparation)

1. Informing his father-in-law Exodus 4:18

- a) Going to Egypt
- b) To see his brethren
- c) No mention of God's Calling!

2. Jethro's blessing
"Go in peace." Exodus 4:18c

3. Moses brings his family with him Exodus 4:20

- a) Wife
- b) Two sons

4. A further word from the Lord
Exodus 4:19-23

- a) The death of the Pharaoh who wanted to kill Moses
- b) Reminder to perform the signs
- c) Hardening of the heart of Pharaoh
- d) Special message to Pharaoh from the Lord
"Israel is My son, My firstborn. So I say to you, let My Son go that he may serve Me.
But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn." Exodus 4:22-23
 - i) Identification
 - ii) Association
 - iii) Demand
 - iv) Admonition (word of warning)

5. Difficulty between Moses and Zipporah Exodus 4:24-26
- a) Illness of Moses Exodus 4:24
 - b) Zipporah's circumcision of their two sons Exodus 4:25
 - c) Her disagreement and consequent anger Exodus 4:25-26
 - d) Submission to God
 - e) Moses was spared! Exodus 4:26a
 - f) Zipporah and their two sons did not go down to Egypt with Moses
An opportunity of a lifetime was missed!

6. Reasons for this firm action from the Lord

- a) Expectations of a leader
- b) Example of a leader
- c) Essential Abrahamic Covenant sign to be honoured Cf. Genesis 17

7. Cost of Discipleship
Luke 14:25-35

- a) Sacrifice
- b) Cross-bearing
- c) Following Jesus
- d) Counting the Cost carefully