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Conclusion
Getting Started
1. Moses’ defining moment was when God called him from the burning bush. Describe a defining moment in your life. Did you resist that defining moment, like Moses resisted his call? How?

2. Have you ever been overwhelmed by a task God had for you? Did you hide behind insufficient knowledge, an inferior self-concept, or inadequate ability, like Moses? Share with the group how you dealt with your fear.

Digging Deeper
1. According to Philippians 1:6, God began a good work in the life of every Christian. When do you think that good work started in your life? List some ways you believe God is perfecting His good work in your life.

2. Moses responded to his defining moment in such a way that the writer of Hebrews placed him in the “Hall of Faith” passage in Hebrews 11. Can you think of someone else that responded to his or her defining moment in a way that inspired you? Why and how has he or she inspired you?
3. Moses chose to suffer affliction with the people of God and said “no” to the passing pleasures of sin. What was the best “no” you ever said?

4. Read the following passages and discuss how the Bible instructs us to say “no” to sin.

Psalm 1:1-3
Romans 12:2
1 Corinthians 11:1
Ephesians 4:1
Philippians 4:13
Galatians 5:16

5. Pastor Jeremiah reminded us that Moses made the right choice when he compared everything that Egypt had to offer with what God had to offer him. What does the world have to offer you? What does Jesus offer you? What is your choice?
6. Moses looked at the reward that awaited him. What rewards await you as a believer after you die?

Bringing it Home

1. Jesus’ defining moment was when He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death on a cross (Philippians 2:8). Are you before a defining moment right now? If not, be prepared to face it when the time comes. In what ways can you follow the example of Jesus? Do you need to humble yourself? Do you need to practice obedience?

2. What are some of the ways you might be available to God? Moses is the perfect example of someone whom God called and equipped to accomplish great things. Consider the following:

- God wants you to share your faith with others (Matthew 28:19-20).
- God wants you to be involved in your local church (Hebrews 10:25).
- If you’re a husband, God wants you to love your wife like Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25).
- If you’re a wife, God wants you to submit to your husband (Ephesians 5:22).
- If you’re a minor, God wants you to obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1).
- If you’re an adult, God wants you to honor your parents (Exodus 20:12).