

Moses - Faith When We Find it Hard to Follow

We talk about God's love, but we often use non-biblical terms that have been stolen by the world to empty them of any truly helpful significance. Yet, we need to know what kind of love God gives especially when we fail. It isn't a question of when we will be a hypocrite. The question is: when I'm a hypocrite, is God done with me?

Scripture(s): 1 John 4:7-11; John 15:9-17; Romans 5:6-11; Exodus 3, 4, 5, 12, 32, 34; Numbers 12

Remember this - God's faithful and forgiving love calls us to believe that His love reaches out to us in our failures to call us _____.

What did Moses see and know about God...

1. Moses knew that God's power was _____. (Exodus 3:2-3; 12:33-36)
2. Moses knew God's character _____. (Exodus 3:5)
3. Moses knew the significance of God's lived out _____. (Numbers 14:13-16)

What Moses often did...

1. The doubt of Moses in himself challenged his belief that God _____ work through him. (Exodus 3:1; 4:1, 4:10, 4:13)
2. Even when God warned him ahead of time, Moses still _____ when he felt personally threatened. (Exodus 5:22-23)
3. Even though Moses knew that the God he served was a forgiving God, Moses let his own _____ carry him away. (Exodus 32:19) (Exodus 34:1-2, 27-28)
4. Even in his family life Moses let family _____ control him when God's commandment should have been enough. (Exodus 4:24-26)

Implications...

1. What we know in our head about God is far too easily undermined by what we _____ in the moment.
2. Faith is not the absence of _____ and questions. Faith is a decision to follow even when our questions _____.
3. Our closest relationships and our deepest feelings have _____ effects on how difficult we find following in faith.

What about us?

1. Resist any form of 'Disneyesque' faith - Feelings that undermine following are _____ companions.
2. When you fail to follow confess and start _____.
3. Remember this truth - Our God is a God who faithfully and with abundant forgiveness _____ you.

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