### Saying Yes to God

~Things that Hold us Back~ Fear of Failure and Inadequacy

#### **Top 10 Things People Fear**

Change
Loneliness
Fear of Failure
Rejection

### 9. Inadequacy

 Second Guessing decisions Overthinking Low self- esteem Procrastination **\*** Anxiety or Safety net Unrealistic Goal Setting \* Making it too easy **\*** Making it vague

#### 1.The Calling of Moses

Exodus 3:9-12 "The cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you."

Exodus 4:1 "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, "The Lord did not appear to you."

Exodus 4:10-11 Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. am slow of speech and tongue."

**Exodus 4:12** Moses said, "Pardon your servant Lord. Please send someone else."

## 2. When Moses Messed Up

Numbers 20:7-11 The Lord said to Moses, take the staff and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.

Moses took the staff from the Lord's presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"

Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out and the community and their livestock drank.

#### 3. The Legacy of Moses

Deuteronomy 34:10-12 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt- to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

## 1. Seek God

James 4:8 Come close to God and God will come close to you.

### 2. Focus on God's power, not on our own capabilities

Zechariah 4:6 "It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit" says the Lord Almighty.

#### 3. We don't have to be perfect.

2 Corinthians 12:9 But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Romans 3:23 For all have fallen short of the glory of God and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

## 4. It's not the end of the world when we fail.

Psalm 37: 23-24 The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall. For the Lord upholds him with His hand.

# God's grace is bigger than our failures!!

Isaiah 43:25 "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake and remembers your sin no more."

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The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.