

# Study Guide: 8-10-25 - Beyond the Protest

## Key Theme

Look beyond immediate circumstances to embrace God's divine purpose for your life, overcoming distractions and entanglements that hinder potential.

## Main Points

### 1. Open Your Eyes to What's Around You

- Recognize struggles and needs beyond yourself (Exodus 2:11).
- Avoid tunnel vision; see the bigger picture (Romans 8:18-21).
- Awareness of others' suffering is the first step to action, even if initial responses are flawed.

### 2. Let God Use Your In-Between Season

- Distinguish between contentment (biblical, growth-oriented) and complacency (stagnation).
- Moses' 40 years in Midian prepared him for leadership (Exodus 2-3).
- God works in and through you during waiting periods, teaching skills and building character.

### 3. Don't Kick Against the Goats

- Don't resist God's direction (Acts 26:14, Exodus 3:7-10).
- Moses' five protests and their fixes:
  - **Unworthiness** (Ex. 3:11): God's presence ensures success (Isaiah 49:15-16).
  - **Spiritual Inferiority** (Ex. 3:13): God reveals Himself through scripture/prayer (John 10:27).
  - **Fear of Others' Opinions** (Ex. 4:1): Prioritize God's approval (Galatians 1:10).
  - **Self-Doubt** (Ex. 4:10): Trust God's faithfulness, not your ability (1 Thess. 5:24).
  - **Reluctance to Obey** (Ex. 4:13): Trust and obey God's unique call (Proverbs 3:5-6).

## Reflection Questions

- Are you stuck in a cycle of survival, focusing only on what's in front of you? Why?
- How can you differentiate between contentment and complacency in your current season?
- Which of Moses' protests (unworthiness, fear, etc.) resonate with you? How can you apply the corresponding biblical fix?

## Action Steps

- Pray for vision to see beyond current trials.
- Identify one area of resistance to God's call and commit to trusting Him in it.
- Journal how God might be preparing you in your "in-between" season.