

“The Roundabout Way”  
This Is My Story Sermon Series  
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Introduction: Week 1: God calls Abraham to a n\_\_\_\_\_ place.

Week 2: God calls Moses to go b\_\_\_\_\_ to Egypt.

This week, God c\_\_\_\_\_ to call us wherever we are.

Exodus 4:18 (MSG)

Every act of faithfulness is an affront to someone.

Exodus 4:19-20, “*He had a firm grip on the staff of God.*”

I. The Problem: Things often get w\_\_\_\_\_ before they get better.

Exodus 5:4-9, 13. The slave-drivers were m\_\_\_\_\_.

When bad things happen, we doubt God’s g\_\_\_\_\_ and plan. 22-23

Exodus 6: 10-12, When we doubt God, we waiver.

II. The Plan: 10 Strikes and You’re Out!

Blood, Frogs, Gnats, Flies, Animals, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness...

Exodus 11:1, 4-7, God is f\_\_\_\_\_!

Exodus 12:40-42, The Passover is established as a celebration!

III. The On-going Challenge: Exodus 13:17-18 (NRSV)

God is s\_\_\_\_\_ than we are. We require the “roundabout way.”

IV. My Story is Found in This Story.

The people p\_\_\_\_\_! Exodus 14:10-14 (MSG)

God saved them anyway. Exodus 14:21-25 (MSG).

God was represented by the “Pillar of F\_\_\_\_\_!”



“*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.*” F. Buechner

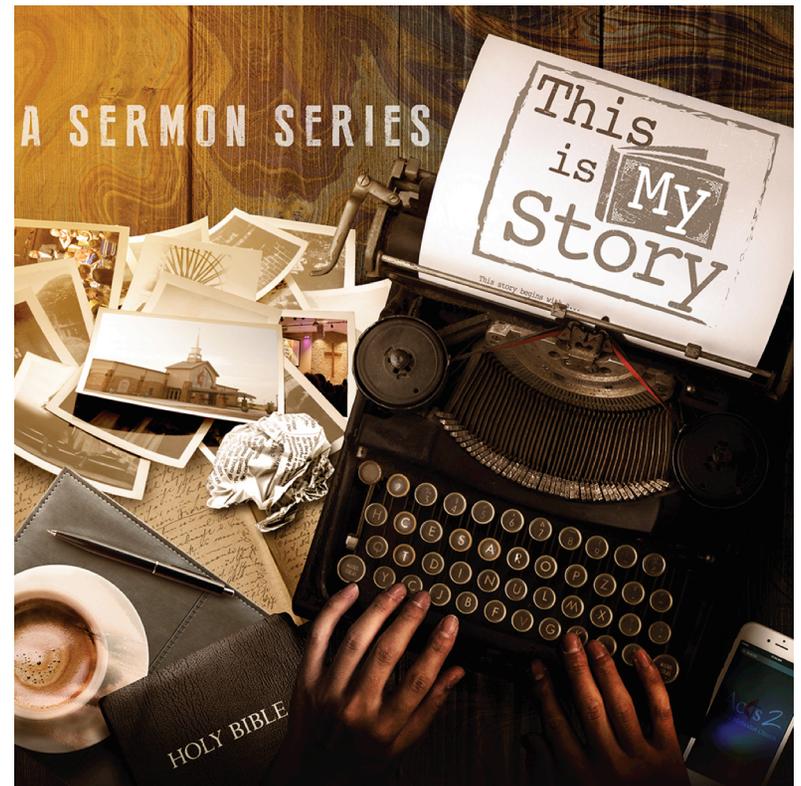
Action Steps: Where do your natural abilities and talents intersect the world’s deep needs? \_\_\_\_\_

What might God be calling you to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Who could you talk to about God’s call on your life? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

*All the persons of faith I know are sinners, doubters, uneven performers. We are secure not because we are sure of ourselves but because we trust that God is sure of us. – Eugene Peterson*



Then the LORD spoke to Moses, ‘Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.’ But Moses spoke to the LORD, ‘The Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?’

Exodus 6: 10-12 (NRSV)



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