

# Lead With Faith

## —Nominated For Assignment

World Outreach Church  
Sermon Discussion Guide  
Sunday Sermon: **November 17, 2024**



From Thanksgiving through Christmas, the holiday season presents an unparalleled opportunity to bring our faith forward in our homes, at work, and in our conversations with family and friends. Let's take advantage of that opportunity and elevate extending the Kingdom of God above our favorite holiday traditions. It will give a greater meaning to the holidays than purchasing just the right gift, eating our favorite holiday foods, making certain we gather with the right group of people, or being on the invitation list to the right party. Let's ask the Lord to awaken us to the opportunities He's presenting to each of us, so He can use our lives to make these next few weeks fruitful in His Kingdom. God is moving in the earth, and He has given us an assignment. We have been commissioned to lead with our faith!

### I. LEADING WITH FAITH

Mark 16:15–18 *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

Isaiah 6:5–9 *"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" <sup>9</sup> He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving."*

Exodus 3:7–11 *The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*

**\*When was a time God called you to do something that was outside your comfort zone? How did you respond to that calling?**

**\*Share some ways—currently or from your past—when you were willing to spend your time, talent, energy, and/or resources for the Kingdom of God. How did it impact you personally and those around you?**

#### A. By Whose Authority ... "Who are you to make such statements?"

Exodus 3:13 *Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"*

Matthew 21:23 *Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"*

John 16:24 *Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

Matthew 18:5 *"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.*

John 14:26 *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

**\*In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit as an advocate and a helper in your life?**

## **B. The Miraculous**

Exodus 4:1–4 *Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you?’”<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied.<sup>3</sup> The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.*

Exodus 12:33–36<sup>33</sup> *The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!”<sup>34</sup> So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing.<sup>35</sup> The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.<sup>36</sup> The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; **so they plundered the Egyptians.***

Exodus 14:29–31<sup>29</sup> *But **the Israelites went through** the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.<sup>30</sup> That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.<sup>31</sup> And when the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.*

**Let’s Pray ... “Heavenly Father, nothing is impossible for You. We ask for Your intervention—let Your power and grace be made evident, in Jesus’ name, amen.”**

**\*How would you encourage others who are fearful or hesitant to initiate a “let’s pray” moment?**

## **II. LEADING WITH FAITH —THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS**

### **A. Get Your Holiday Outfit Ready**

Colossians 3:12–13 *Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.**<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

### **B. Prayerful Preparation**

### **C. Identify & Encourage Allies**

### **D. Adversaries –Lead with Strength, Respect, And Dignity**

Romans 12:18–19 *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.<sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.*

Philippians 2:14–16 *Do everything without complaining or arguing,<sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe<sup>16</sup> **as you hold out the word of life—***

Philippians 1:27–28<sup>27</sup> *Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. ... I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel<sup>28</sup> **without being frightened** in any way by those who oppose you.*

**\*What are some opportunities you have in your sphere of influence to lead with your faith?**

## **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, our desire is to boldly serve You. We invite You into the midst our holiday activities. May everyone with whom we interact, everywhere we gather, be aware of Your abiding presence. May Jesus’ name be honored and His authority be visible. In His name, amen.