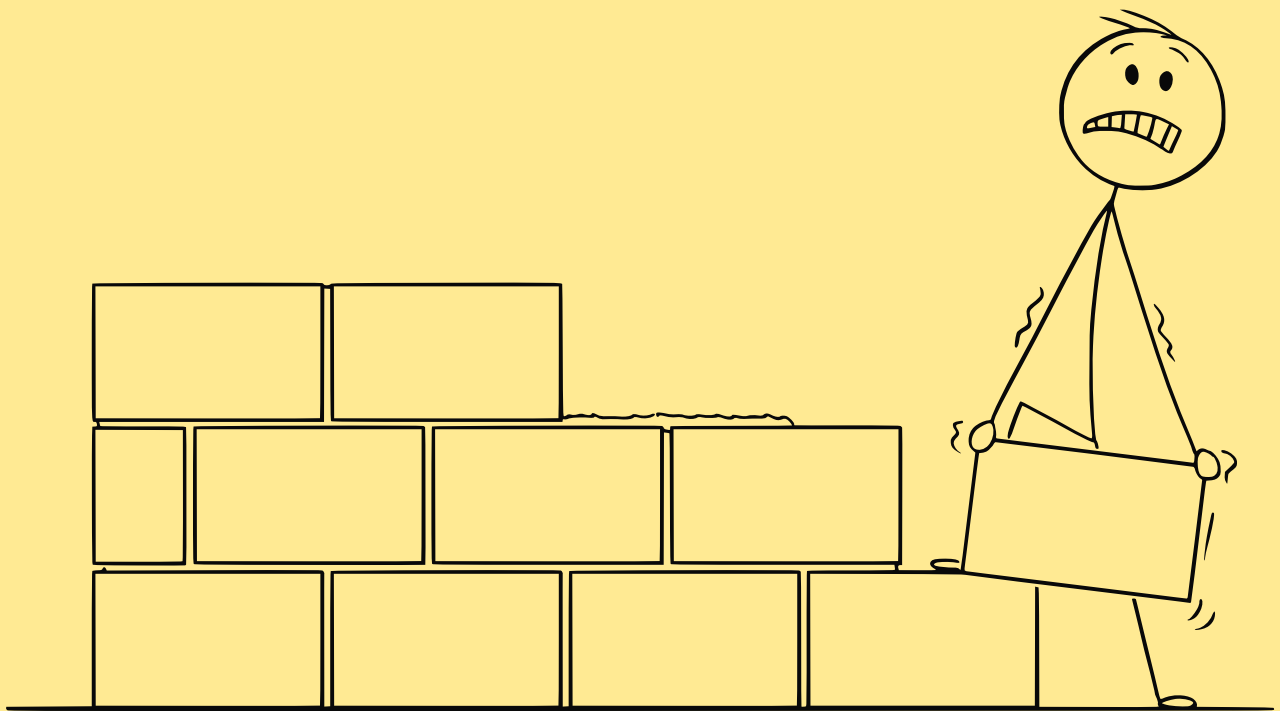




# Monthly Devotionals

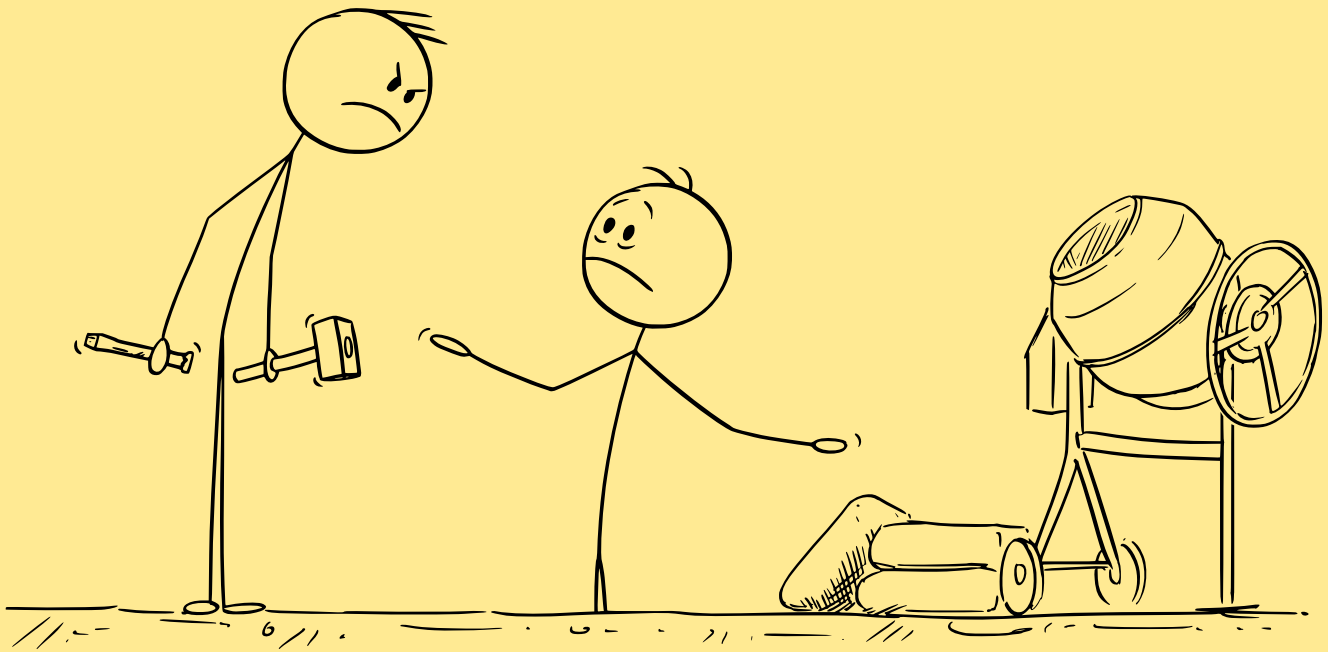
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# *Foundation Building*



A Life Built on Listening

We live in a culture where the word 'servant' has negative connotations. Without a solid foundation of understanding, God can be painted as a hard taskmaster who longs to control rather than love. Do you ever have that image of God?



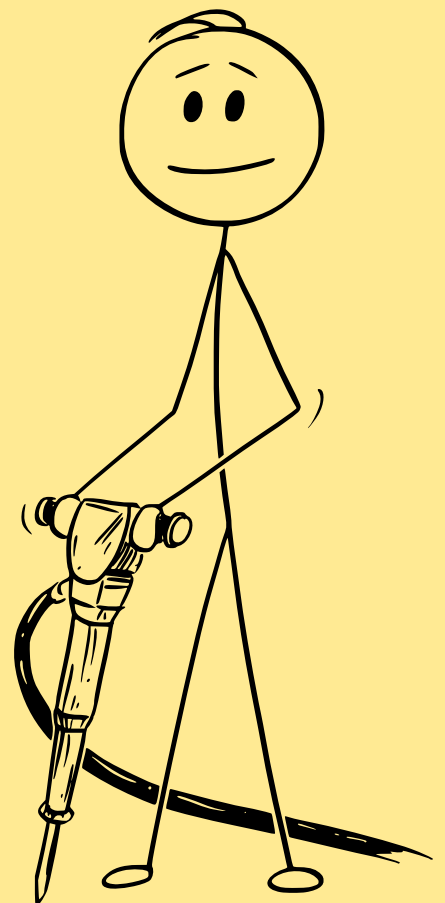
Jesus is our ultimate example. We read in Philippians 2:5-8 that Jesus 'being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.' Jesus came to fulfil God's will of redeeming us to Him. Throughout Scripture, we see that Jesus only did as the Father told Him, as a *partnership*.

The world's idea of a servant is that of control, whereas the biblical concept of servanthood is communion and relationship. It's not that God tells us to do something and we go off and do it alone, but it's in partnership with the Holy Spirit. God works through us. So the question is, are we building our lives around listening to God?

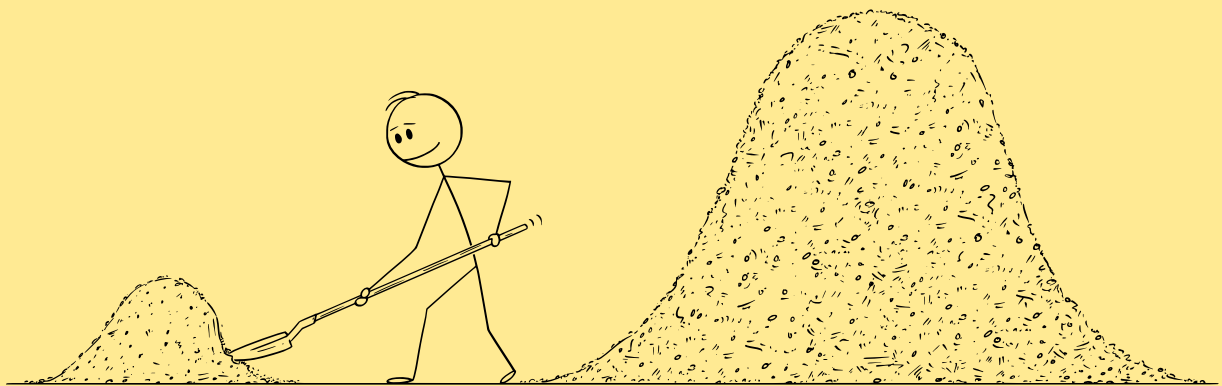
Let's delve deeper. Read Exodus 3.

## What do you see?

First, Moses makes himself available to listen. 'Here I am,' he says to God in verse four. When we hear God through the Spirit, Scripture, others or circumstances, what is our natural response? Do we take stock and incline our ear towards what God is saying?



Second, Moses has reverence towards God. 'Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God' (Exodus 3:6). In a life built on listening to God, we must live with a fear of God (deep respect and love), as Jesus did, making himself a humble servant.

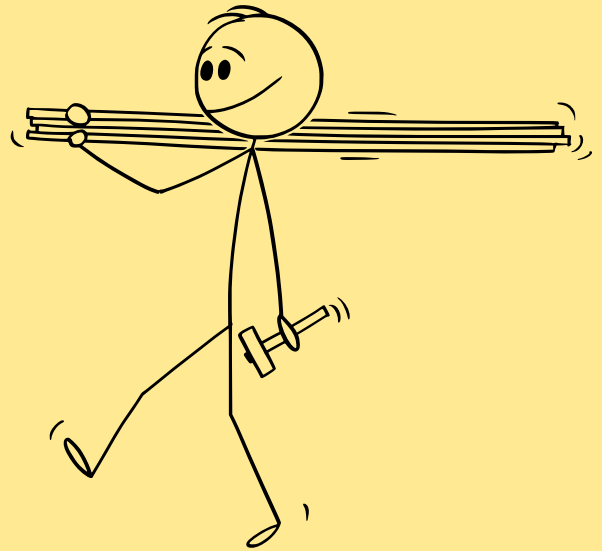


Thirdly, we see Moses asking for reassurance. Listening to God can be daunting, especially when we don't always like what He has to say. As Moses questions his suitability for the role of saving the Israelites, God responds 'I will be with you' (verses eleven to twelve). Living a life built on listening doesn't mean that God leaves you to it. He's with you always.

This week, be more intentional about listening to God and write down what else He has revealed to you in this passage.

# Key verses

- Proverbs 2:1-5
- Mark 4:24
- John 10:27-28
- James 1:19
- Proverbs 3:5-6



# Prayer Points

Dig deeper with God on:

- Am I making myself available when you speak?
- Give me a greater understanding of who You are, how You want to speak to me and how I should listen.

