

Sermon: All I Really Need to Know I Learned as a Baptist
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Text: Ex. 3:10-11- the call of Moses and the question “Who Am I . . .”

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum - published in the late 1980s

Intro: Book; Title of sermon; Illustration of Moses - “Who Am I . . .”

So, how do I serve you as your interim pastor?

3 tasks - to introduce myself to you; to make you think about your own journey; and to help all of us think about what we are to do in the days ahead as we examine the foundations upon which to serve.

I was taught to believe by Baptists -

I was taught to believe in God - justification by faith in Jesus Christ - made right with God not by keeping rules or laws, not by works and good deeds, but by simply, profound faith

I was taught to believe in myself

I was taught to believe in others

I was taught to think by Baptists -

Sunday School and Sermons (pretty conservative)

College and graduate school (pastor very helpful in getting started to college (bb; scholarship; sense of call, refined toward teaching religion; major/minor; graduate school

I was taught to minister and serve -

Good examples, sensitive Christians

Student pastorates; interim pastorates; preaching; Bible and Baptist history conferences

College teaching - freshman Bible courses; Baptist and church history courses; ch-state; researcher and writer, etc.

Denominational service - OK Baptist Historical Commission and Historical Society; Southern Baptist Historical Commission and Historical Society; ABCRM regional speaker and teacher of American Baptist history

Conclusion: Back to Moses - he was the right person for the job. He was taught as a Hebrew - he was taught as an Egyptian prince in terms of organization, administration, and military strategy, he was taught how to live and exist in a desert-like setting, he was taught the school of hard knocks by experience

So, who are you?

And who are we? How do we continue to build upon our foundations?

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