

By Faith... Moses Overcame His Excuses

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Exodus 3:1-10

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight — why the bush does not burn up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. 7 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. 8 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. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Moses' 1st Excuse...

1. I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Moses' excuse: "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh?" (Ex 3:11)

God's answer: "I will be with you." (Ex 3:12)

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

26... think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28... 29 so that no one may boast before him.

Moses' 2nd Excuse...

2. I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH

Moses' excuse: What if they ask me, "What is His name? What shall I say?" (Ex 3:13)

God's answer: "I AM WHO I AM. I AM has sent me." (Ex 3:14)

Mark 14:61-62

61... Again the high priest asked [Jesus], "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Luke 12:11-12

11 "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

Moses' 3rd Excuse...

3. I'M NOT ELOQUENT ENOUGH

Moses' excuses: "What if they don't believe me or listen to me?" (Ex 4:1)
"I am slow of speech." (Ex 4:10)

God's answers: God gave miraculous signs (Ex 4:2-9).

"Who gave man his mouth?" (Ex 4:11)

"I will help you speak and teach you what to say." (Ex 4:11-12)

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (Paul and his thorn)

[The Lord] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Moses' 4th & Final Excuse...

4. SEND SOMEONE ELSE

Moses' excuse: "O Lord, please send someone else to do it." (Ex 4:13)

God's answer: God became angry, yet graciously provided Aaron to help Moses (Ex 4:14-17)