

The Exodus Series – The Savior Returns

Moses Makes Five Excuses of Lack to Not Obey God's Mission

- They are marked by the words "but" and "if" (**3:11, 13; 4:1, 10**)
- 1. Lack Of Credentials (**3:11-12**)
 - *But Who Am I?*
- 2. Lack Of Content (**3:12-22**)
 - *But What Would I Say?*
- 3. Lack Of Converts (**4:1-9**)
 - *But What If No One Believes Me?*
- 4. Lack Of Communication Skills (**4:10 - 12**)
 - *But I Don't Speak Well!*
- 5. Lack Of Commitment/Conviction (**4:13-17**)
 - *But I Can't Do It!*

Verses 1 - 9 - But What If No One Believes Me?

God had already told him they would...

Exodus 3:16a, 18

16a Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me...

18 And they will listen to your voice...

Verses 10 - 12 - But I Don't Speak Well!

Act 7:22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

Deuteronomy 34:10 And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face

Exodus 6:12 But Moses said to the LORD, "Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?"

Exodus 6:30 But Moses said to the LORD, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to me?"

Verses 13 - 17 - But I Can't Do It!

- God is always sufficient for us, no matter what real or imagined inadequacies we have.
 - It's not about you, it's about I AM.
- Do you believe that He is more than enough?
 - Do you believe that he will be with you?
 - *Then go!*

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Verse 23 - Let My Son Go That He May Serve Me

- Humans were made for worship.
 - God frees us from serving in bondage so that we serve Him.
 - Because in His service and worship is perfect freedom!

Verse 25 - Surely You Are a Bridegroom of Blood to Me!

Genesis 17:9 - 10

9 And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

- God is an impartial judge.
 - He calls His people and especially leadership to accountability.

Verse 34 - The God Who Visits His People

Genesis 21:1 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised.

Genesis 50:24 And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

1st Samuel 2:21 Indeed the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.

Ruth 1:6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.

Jeremiah 29:10 “For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

Luke 1:68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

Luke 7:16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”

- God has visited us in our affliction, and He now calls us to visit others on His behalf in their affliction
 - He can bring them just as he brought you, from groaning to worshipping!
- And if you doubt your qualifications for this, good!
 - In fact, you’re in good company!
- Look at Moses (**Exodus 3:11**), Gideon (**Judges 6:15**), David (**2nd Samuel 7:18**), Isaiah (**Isaiah 6:5**), Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 1:6**), Peter (**Luke 5:8**), and Paul (**1st Corinthians 15:9**) just to name a few...
 - God doesn’t need anyone, but He draws into His purposes those who acknowledge that they need Him.