

Fighter Memory Verse March

John 1:12–13

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Doubts & Excuses

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Bible Passage: Exodus 3:11-4:17

Introduction:

Big Idea: Confessing “I am not” and believing Yahweh is “I AM,” will energize your _____ to God. _____ fuels excuse-making and disobedience.

Doubt & Excuse #1--Who am I? I am _____ ! (11-12)

Doubt & Excuse #2--_____ are you? I don't know you! (13-22)

Doubt & Excuse #3--What if they _____ ? I don't have the credentials! (4:1-9)

- That might very well be the case.
 - He left as a fugitive with no forwarding address
 - He was gone for 40 years
- God anticipated that, so He asked Moses a _____ question (v. 2-9)
- God's Response to Moses' Doubt:
 - 1st the wooden staff, **He's reminding Moses that Pharaoh isn't the one who's really in charge.** _____ !
 - 2nd the leprous hand, **He's reminding Moses that God has _____ over _____ & _____ including the worst diseases.**
 - 3rd turning water from the Nile into blood, **He's reminding Moses _____ than the mighty Nile River.**

Doubt & Excuse #4--What if I can't do it? I am not a good speaker! (4:10-12)

- Seems like he thought God would change his _____.
- God promised to give Moses whatever he needed in spite of his _____.

Doubt & Excuse #5—Someone else would be better than me--_____ ! (4:13-17)

- The _____ - _____ issue is revealed (13)
- God displays great patience with Moses (14b-16)
 - God's solution is workable, but it will become obvious why it wasn't God's first choice (Exodus 32)
- The LORD always _____ with what we have (17)
 - Moses needed to believe that his weakness **PLUS** the “I AM” were enough.

Truth Into Action:

- a. Doubt feeds disobedience, faith energizes obedience. **Get real with yourself about your doubts and insecurities.**
- b. **Like Moses, we need to believe that our weakness PLUS the “I AM” will always be more than enough.** _____
- c. The appearance in the **BURNING BUSH** was proof that the LORD was for Moses—**He had to believe it.** The **CROSS** and the **EMPTY TOMB** are proof that the LORD JESUS is for you—**You must believe it.**

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Doubt is defined as “to waver in opinion or judgment; to hesitate in belief.” Share with those in your group how doubt can show up in your life.

1. In what ways can we relate to Moses’ reluctance to accept God’s calling, and how can we learn to trust in God’s presence to comfort and God’s grace to empower?
2. How does the revelation of God’s name, “I AM,” shape our understanding of the LORD’S character and faithfulness?
3. Read Genesis 15:14 and then read Exodus 3:21-22 and describe what you learn. The Hebrews believe this “*plunder*” is their just reward for having endured harsh treatment, God had other plans for it. What were God’s plan for it? [See Exodus 25:1-8, 35:20-29]?
4. In Exodus 4 we see three more excuses from Moses. Why do you think Moses questioned God regarding His choice of him to deliver His people?
 - [Hint: (1) Moses doesn’t believe he is up to the task; he is, after all, an outlaw; (2) Moses is fearful that the whole plan will collapse and he will suffer the consequences; and (3) his faith in God is not yet established to trust God for the results]
 - Why do Christians fail to believe what God is able to do through them?
 - In what area of your life is fear, doubt and ignorance keeping you from bearing significant fruit for the kingdom of God?
 - Why is God’s statement to Moses in Exodus 3:12 “I will be with you...”—important for all Christians to grasp? [Compare with Matthew 28:20]
5. **Growth Activity--Overcoming Doubt** (Discuss each step with those in your group)
 - **Get real with yourself about your insecurities:** Invite God the Holy Spirit to bring them to light so they will lose their grip on you.
 - **Remember “I AM”:** The LORD (“I AM”) is the source of all things. Learn to verbalize “I am not” and live aware of knowing “I AM.”
 - **Seek support; don’t do life alone:** God gave Aaron to Moses. Look around and seek support from friends, family or spiritual mentors when in doubt.
 - **Embrace the growth opportunities:** By faith, “plant” your challenges and insecurities in God’s garden of grace. Ask God to grow them into a *future harvest of righteousness* rather than obstacles that hinder your obedience to the LORD.

Closing Prayer: Father God, I acknowledge that my doubt and insecurities will keep me from obeying Your calling on my life. Please take my challenges and insecurities and “plant” them in your garden of grace and grow them into a *future harvest of righteousness*.