

God's Call To Ministry

#1. Moses's Failure in ministry

Exo 2:11 *One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. Exo 2:12 He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. Exo 2:13 When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" Exo 2:14 He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known."*

#2. God calls Moses into ministry. His 5 excuses

Excuse #1 -Who am I? False humility, fearful, Why do you say "Who am I"? Why do we say we are not worthy of some job or position or calling?

Exo 3:11 *But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"*

Excuse #2 – Who are you? What is your name? – This is key for us to answer in our own lives. Who is God to us?

Exo 3:14 *God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'*

Excuse #3 – People Won't believe me. The Elders won't believe me. I need proof.

Exo 4:1 *And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.*

Excuse #4 – I am not eloquent

Exo 4:10 *But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue."*

Excuse #5 – Somebody must be better than me.

Exo 4:13 *But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else"*

#3 Moses finds ministry difficult:

Exo 5:22 *Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me?"*

Exo 5:23 *For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all."*

#4 God empowered ministry:

Exo 7:1 And the LORD said to Moses “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.

Exo 9:11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils came upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians.

Exo 10:7 Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, “How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?”

Exo 12:35 The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing.

Exo 12:36 And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.