

# Yielding to Him

Living with Readiness



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**readiness** [ red-ee-nis ]

noun

1. the condition of being ready.
2. ready movement; promptness; quickness.
3. ready action; ease; facility.
4. willingness; inclination; cheerful consent: *a readiness to help others.*
5. a developmental stage at which a child has the capacity to receive instruction at a given level of difficulty or to engage in a particular activity.

## Yielding to Him | Moshe/Moses Called (Exodus 3)

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”

So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!”

# Yielding to Him | Moshe/Moses Called (Exodus 3)

And he said, “Here I am.”

Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” Moreover He said, “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

“Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

## Yielding to Him | Moshe Doubts (Exodus 3)

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

## Yielding to Him | Moshe Doubts (Exodus 3)

Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’ ”

# Yielding to Him | More Excuses (Exodus 4)

Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’ ”

So the LORD said to him, “What *is* that in your hand?”

He said, “A rod.”

And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), “that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

(Plus signs of leprosy and water-to-blood)

## Yielding to Him | More Excuses (Exodus 4)

Then Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

So the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

# Yielding to Him | Moses Refuses (Exodus 4)

But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.”

So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said: “Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs.”

# Yielding to Him | Lessons from Exodus 3 & 4

- God called Moshe to an assignment.
- Moshe had his doubts.
- God had reassurances.
- Moshe had excuses.
- God had provisions.
- Moshe refused the assignment.
- God got angry.

# Yielding to Him | The Response of Yeshayahu/Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of His glory!”

And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

# Yielding to Him | The Response of Yeshayahu/Isaiah

So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.”

# Yielding to Him | The Response of Yeshayahu/Isaiah

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send,  
And who will go for Us?”

Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

# Yielding to Him | Lessons Yeshayahu/Isaiah

- Yeshayahu recognized the holiness of God.
- Yeshayahu recognized his own sinfulness.
- God purged Yeshayahu's sin.
- God called Yeshayahu to go.
- Yeshayahu responded with readiness (without knowing the assignment).

# Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

Spiritual readiness isn't just about having a willingness to respond affirmatively **if** God calls, but conducting our lives such that we are constantly at His disposal; ready to move **when** He calls.

# Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.

(Luke 9:23-26 NKJV)

# Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

(Romans 12:1)

## Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

(2 Cor. 5:14,15)

# Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

(Galatians 2:20)

# Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. (Romans 6:11-13 KJV)

# Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

- Spiritual readiness is not about living a perfect life.
- Moses had his flaws (and excuses).
- Yeshayahu was a sinful man.
- When we yield to God, He makes the way.

# Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

# Yielding to Him | New Testament Exhortations

and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

(1 Corinthians 26-31 NKJV)

# Yielding to Him | Recommended Resources

- The Holy Bible
- Prayer
- The Poems and Hymns of Christ's Sweet Singer: Frances Ridley Havergal
- God's Smuggler
- Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret