



*Go for God!*

## **“Excuses, Doubts or Faith!”**

### **EXODUS Chapters 4**

#### **~ Five Faith Facts:**

##### **> Faith Fact #1 – (v1-9) Doubts are natural, Believe God!**

- **Doubting Moses?** – “*Suppose they (the children of Israel) will not believe me.*” - Moses was insecure, afraid, comfortable, lacked faith, full of excuses, and disobedient. God is not a quitter, whom he calls He will equip, anoint and finish the work to completion.

##### **- Remember “doubting” Thomas - John 14:1-7; John 20:24-29**

- **James encourages us with,** “*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*” (James 1:5-8)

##### **> Faith Fact #2 – (v10-13) Don’t believe in yourself, IN GOD WE TRUST! – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.**

##### **> Faith Fact #3 – (v14-17) Be TEACHABLE, Be a DISCIPLE!**

- “**God will TEACH Moses what he shall do.**” The word “*teach*” is found **123 times** throughout the Scriptures. In the New Testament Jesus said in:

**John 14:26-27** - *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

**Luke 12:11-12** - *“Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”*

##### **> Faith Fact #4 – (v18-23) FAITH MUST BE ACTIVE!**

- **Moses returns to Egypt as God’s AMBASSADOR, as God will take care of the rest. (Insight:** The ingredients to harden Pharaoh’s heart are already within, like a bag of cement, all it needs is water and time to harden. God is revealing the truth about Pharaoh, his hardened heart and the future death of his firstborn; let us not forget that Pharaoh is killing all the newborn Hebrew males.

- **Jesus said in Mark 9:42-43** - *“And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck.”* (Pharaoh’s firstborn will die in judgment, plus he and his army will be drowned in the Red Sea.)

- **BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST! - 2 Cor 5:20-21** - *Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

> **Faith Fact #5 – (v24-31) OBEDIENCE BRINGS LIFE, BELIEF & WORSHIP!**

- **Zipporah saves Moses!** Moses had become a **man of mediocrity**, lacking the care for details, which results in disobedience and brings on judgment. **Zipporah intervened for her husband**; she was truly a suitable helper for Moses, just as all wives are to be for their husbands.

- **WHEN GOD COMMANDS IT, JUST DO IT!** - The command to circumcise was given to **Abraham in Genesis 17:9-11** - *And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, **you and your descendants after you throughout their generations**. “This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; “and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.*

- In Jeremiah 4:4 we read, **“Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your hearts, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.”**

- For Christians today Paul writes, *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. **The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through LOVE.** (Gal 5:6)*