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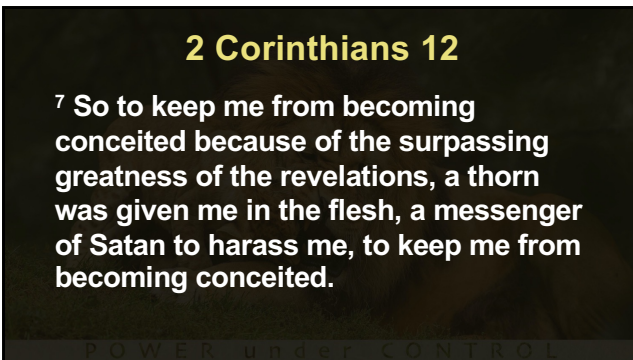
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### 2 Corinthians 12

<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.  
<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

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### 2 Corinthians 12

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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### Two Ways to Provide Relief

- 1. Remove the burden from us
- 2. Strengthen us to carry the burden

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### Perfected Strength

“...there must be the weakness of man, felt, recognized, and mourned over, or else the strength of the Son of God will never be perfected in us.”

Charles Spurgeon

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### Meekness Embraces Weakness

Meekness embraces weakness to find rest in God's Strength

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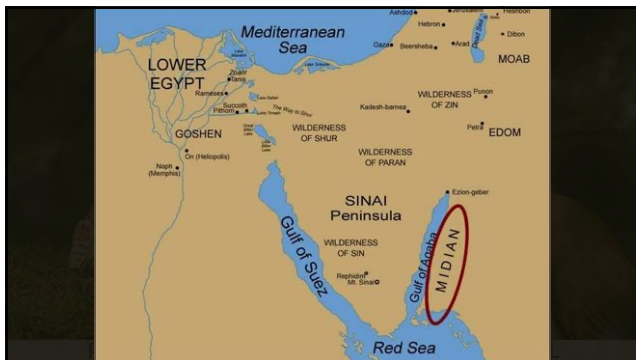
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### Moses – the Deliverer

Failed to deliver from **external** injustice  
 Failed to deliver from **internal** injustice  
 Succeeded to deliver from Shepherds  
 [Transformation process of God]  
 Succeeds in his calling to deliver Israel from Egypt

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### Romans 11:29

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

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**Exodus 3**

**1** Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

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**Exodus 3**

**2** And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

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**Exodus 3**

**3** And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." **4** When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

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### Manifestations of Fire

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Burning Bush   | Personal Revelation        |
| Pillar of Fire | Group Direction            |
| Altar Fire     | Public Worship             |
| Censer Fire    | Public Intercessory Prayer |
| Shekinah Fire  | Dwelling Presence          |

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### Thorns and Thistles

Moses Burning Bush (Hebrew Senah=Thorny Bush) Ex 3:2  
 The raw material of the tabernacle and ark was Ex 26:29  
 Acacia wood which comes from a small tree or  
 bush with branches covered with long thorns  
 Moses [the lawgiver] camps at Abel-Shittim "the Num 25:1  
 Field of Thorns" before Joshua takes them into the Josh 2:1  
 Promise Land  
 Jesus given a crown of thorns to signify that he is Mat 27:29  
 redeeming from the curse of the thorn and thistle

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### Double Call of Moses

The double call (Moses, Moses!) implied importance and urgency, as when God called Abraham, Abraham! (Genesis 22:11), Samuel, Samuel! (1 Samuel 3:10), Simon, Simon (Luke 22:31), Martha, Martha (Luke 10:41), and Saul, Saul (Acts 9:4).

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**Exodus 3**

**5** Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." **6** And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

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**Introduction to Holiness of God**

1. Don't come near [any closer]
2. Take off your sandals
3. Introduces Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

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**Exodus 3**

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. **7** Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,

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**Exodus 3**

**8** and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and

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**Exodus 3**

Jebusites. **9** And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. **10** Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

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**Burden of the Lord**

**7**...“I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, **8** and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them to Canaan.

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**Yoke to Burden of the Lord**



**I will:**

- Deliver my people
- Send you to Pharaoh

**You will:**

- Bring Israel out of Egypt
- Lead them to the promised land

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**Matthew 11:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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**Exodus 3**

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

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### Exodus 3

12 He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

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### Moses' Questions

| Questions                       | God's Response                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Who am I?                       | I am who                        |
| Who should I say is sending me? | Say I AM [Yahweh] is sending me |
| What shall I say?               | Detailed plan                   |

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### God's Detailed Plan

| Topic | Action   |
|-------|--|
| Who   | Elders of Israel then Pharaoh  |
| What  | Elders: say Jehovah, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob appeared to me<br>Pharaoh: Let my people leave for 3 days. He will refuse then strike Egypt with plagues |
| Why   | I've seen what's been done to you in Egypt   |
| When  | Immediately  |
| How   | You will go as my messenger  |

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### Meekness Embraces Weakness

Meekness embraces weakness to find rest in God's Strength

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### Exodus 4

1 Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" 2 The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff."

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### Moses Objections

**Objections**

They won't believe me

**God's Response**

Staff for signs

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**Exodus 4**

<sup>3</sup> And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. <sup>4</sup> But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—

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**Exodus 4**

<sup>5</sup> "that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." <sup>6</sup> Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out,

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**Exodus 4**

behold, his hand was leprous like snow. <sup>7</sup> Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh.

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**Exodus 4**

**8 “If they will not believe you,” God said, “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. 9 If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry**

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**Exodus 4**

**ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.” 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.”**

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**Exodus 4**

**11 Then the Lord said to him, “Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.”**

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**Moses Objections**

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| <p><b>Objections</b></p> <p>They won't believe me<br/>Slow of speech and tongue</p> | <p><b>God's Response</b></p> <p>Staff for signs<br/>I will be with your mouth</p> |
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**Exodus 4**

**13** But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." **14** Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well."

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**Exodus 4**

Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. **15** You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do.

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### Exodus 4

16 He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. 17 And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs.”

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### Moses Objections

#### Objections

They won't believe me  
Slow of speech and tongue  
Please send someone else

#### God's Response

Staff for signs  
I will be with your mouth  
Anger Kindled  
Aaron is on his way

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### Meekness Embraces Weakness

Meekness embraces weakness to find rest in God's Strength

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