

THE LIFE OF MOSES, Week 4

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

"The LORD said, I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey... And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." Exodus 3:7-8-10 (NIV)

"But Moses said to God, Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" Exodus 3:11 (NIV)

Excuse: Who am I? – _____

God's response: I will be _____

"And God said, I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Exodus 3:12 (NIV)

"Moses said to God, Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they ask me, What is his name? Then what shall I tell them?" Exodus 3:13 (NIV)

"God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you. God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the 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, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation." Exodus 3:14-15 (NIV)

"Moses answered, What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, The LORD did not appear to you?" Exodus 4:1 (NIV)

Excuse: What if they reject me? _____

"Then the LORD said to him, What is that in your hand? A staff, he replied. The LORD said, Throw it on the ground. Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it." Exodus 4:2-3 (NIV)

"Then the LORD said to him, Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." Exodus 4:4a (NIV)

"So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand." Exodus 4:4b (NIV)

"This, said the LORD, is so 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. Then the Lord said, Put your hand inside your cloak. So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow. Now put it back into your cloak, he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh. Then the LORD said, If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground. Exodus 4:5-9 (NIV)

God's Response: My _____ is with you.

"Moses said to the LORD, Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." Exodus 4:10 (NIV)

Excuse: I am not good enough. Low _____

"The LORD said to him, Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." Exodus 4:11-12 (NIV)

God's Response: Go and I will _____ you.

The answer to low self-confidence is high _____

"But Moses said, O Lord, please send someone else to do it." Exodus 4:13 (NIV)

Excuse: Send _____

"Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses..." Exodus 4:14a (NIV)

"Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, 'What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it.'" Exodus 4:14-17 (NIV)

God's Response: _____