

Series: **Exodus: Seeing God in the Journey**
Title: **No More Excuses**
Text: **Exodus 3.10 - 4.17**

ACCEPTING GOD'S CALL IS ACCEPTING HIS ASSIGNMENT

It is a personal call

Exodus 3:4

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."

- Moses by Name
- Moses is present – "Here I am!"

It is a call to holiness

Exodus 3:5, 6

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." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

- Holy ground and humility before the Lord

It is a call to helpfulness

Exodus 3:7-10

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, 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 the 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."

I will

- I have seen the affliction/ oppression.
- I have heard their cry.
- I have come to deliver.
- I will bring them out.
- I will bring them to a good and broad land.

GREAT NEWS.....HOW WILL YOU DO THAT?

- I will send you.
- You will bring them out.

Moses was given an assignment, and we are as well.

- God calls you and I as well. He has assignments to do as well.
- He is calling you and I to represent Him to the world as well.

Jesus says to each of us,

- “Come and follow me. “
- “Come and I will make you fishers of men.”
- The great commission is to send us out to share the good news of salvation, baptize people and teach them.

Moses has been invited by God to represent Him and fulfill the assignment God has for Him. What is Moses’ response? Excuses.

Excuses

Moses isn’t alone.

- When Jesus gave divine invitation in Luke 14, they all made excuses not to follow.

Luke 14:18 - *But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’*

- Jeremiah made an excuse in

Jer. 1:6 - *Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”*

Romans 1:19-20

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

NO MORE EXCUSES

Benjamin Franklin – “He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.”

Excuse One: Who Am I? (3:11-12)

Exodus 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?”

- Who Am I?

Who Am I?

It is not who you are! It is Who He Is. (I will be there!)

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.”

Matt 28:20

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Excuse Two: What authority? (3:13-15)

Exodus 3:13

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

It is not in your authority, it is in His authority! (I AM)

Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I am who I am."

Matthew 28:18-19a

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ^{19a} Go therefore...

Excuse Three: What do I say? (3:13-21)

Exodus 3:13

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What shall I say to them?"

- Tell them, God has sent you and that He will do what He will do.

Tell the people

Exodus 3:14-15

¹⁴ And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Tell the Leaders

Exodus 3:16

Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say...

Tell Your Pharaoh

Exodus 3:10

"Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Tell them God will do this

Exodus 3:19-22

¹⁹ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. ²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go.

^{21a} And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians... ^{22b}... So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

You are to tell them what He says to tell them

Matt 28:20a

...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Excuse Four: They won't believe me (4:1-9)

Exodus 4:1

"But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice."

Tell them whether they believe or not

Exodus 3:18

And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us.

Exodus 3:19

But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand.

Exodus 4:8

"If they will not believe you," God said, "or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign."

Matt 28:17

And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

Excuse Five: I am not a good speaker (4:10-12)

Exodus 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."

The Lord will give you the words

Exodus 4:11-12

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."

Luke 12:11b-12

^{11b} "...do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

Excuse Six: Send someone else (4:13-17)

Exodus 4:13

But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."

He is calling you

Exodus 4:15

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.

1 Corinthians 7:17

Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.

Eph. 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Acts 22:16

And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

ANSWER THE CALL
NO MORE EXCUSES