

“What Is in Your Hand?”
A Study About the Life of Moses (Exodus 3, 4)
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Recently, I was thinking about the lack of workers in our local church. Why is there always a need for workers? Why does it seem that we have to beg people to volunteer? As I was reflecting on this, I began to look at the life of Moses. When studying Moses, I found four excuses Moses gave the Lord upon being called. Perhaps these are the same four excuses we give when God calls us today. And when we give these excuses, what does the Lord say to us in return?



Excuse #1: “Who am I, that I should go . . .” *The Message Bible* reads: “Why me? What makes you think I could ever lead the children out of Egypt?” (Exodus 3:11).

The answer—“I will certainly be with you . . .” (verse 12).

Jeremiah 29:11, 12 (*The Message*): *I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I’ll listen.*

Romans 8:28, 29 (*The Message*): *That’s why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. God knew what he was doing from the very beginning.*

Philippians 1:6 (*The Message*): *There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.*

Excuse #2: “When they say to me, what is his name, what should I tell them?” (verse 13).

The answer—God is the great “I AM.”

We get so consumed with our situations, and we forget who it is we’re dealing with. We forget that we serve the I AM. We come to God and sometimes think God . . . I mean, I think you could do it. No!!!! When we come to God, we have to come with the reassurance that we KNOW that we KNOW who God is.

Psalms 121: *So lift up your eyes to the hills—from where your help comes from. Your help comes from the Lord . . . the great I AM . . . the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip, he watches over you and will not slumber. He that watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep!*

Excuse # 3: “They will not believe me . . .” (Exodus 4:1).

The answer—“What is in your hand?” (verses 2-9).

God uses what we have. What do you have in YOUR hand that God can use? It has to be you willing to allow God to use what is in YOUR hands. What has he gifted you with? Is it golf? Is it cooking? Is it sewing? Is it quilting? Is it canning? Is it sports? Is it your time?

Matthew 25:35-46 (Parable of the sheep and goats): *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

Excuse #4: "Oh Lord, I am not eloquent. I am slow of speech and of a slow tongue" (verse 10).

The answer—"Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

It has nothing to do with how well you speak. It's all about whether or not God's anointing is with you. We all struggle in some way with our self esteem. God formed you in your mother's womb. He knows you. When He calls you, He equips you. He knows your insufficiencies and the things that hold you back. We have to get past ourselves. Sometimes you just need to remind yourself who you are.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1: 7).

So the question for you today. . . What's in your hand? Reflect on your life and determine what you have in your hand that you can give the Lord. He's waiting on you! What is in YOUR hand today?