

The Life of Moses

Excuses, Excuses, Excuses

3 Realities about Purpose

- God places a “calling” not an invitation upon your life – Gen 12:1; Jer. 1:5; Acts 26:16; I Cor. 9:16; Heb. 5:4
- Since it is a calling, it is unavoidable and inevitable – you can run but you cannot hide, e.g. Jonah, Isaiah 65:12
- Since its inevitable, excuses are not accepted

3 Struggles with Purpose

I. Discernment

II. Acceptance

III. Obedience

We all struggle with accepting God’s call

You’re in good company

- Moses – Exodus 3,4
- Gideon – Judges 6
- Jeremiah – Jeremiah 1
- Ananias – Acts 9
- Esther – Esther 4
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God’s Calling:

- ✓ Is Uncomfortable
- ✓ Requires unseen gifts & talents
- ✓ Demands a change of situation and accomplices
- ✓ Forces humility and the recognition of unworthiness
- ✓ Comes with uncertainties

Moses’ Excuses

1. I don’t have all the answers (3:13)

2. We often excuse ourselves from God’s Calling because we feel we don’t know all the answers and if questioned we will be embarrassed

God’s Response

- God never called us to give answers, only to be witnesses – Acts 1:8
- We have the promise of God’s presence to guide us
- Stop letting your pride get in the way – Proverbs 16:18
- Learn to say “I don’t know”

Moses' Excuses

2.They may not receive me (4:1)

3.Sometimes we excuse ourselves from God's calling because we are afraid of rejection or ridicule. 4:18

God's Response

Faithfulness > acceptance, appreciation, or approval

Know that your gift will make room for you –
3:18 v. 4:1; Prov. 18:16; Isaiah 55:11

Prophetic Promises > Predicted Problems –
“What if” v. II Timothy 1:7

Moses' Excuses

3.I don't have what it takes (4:10)

4.Our sense of inadequacy for the calling often makes us withdraw from the possibilities God's presents.

3.All of us fight the demon of “you're not good enough.”

God's Response

God is the power, we are the tool, instrument in His hand –
3:17,20,21, 4:11,12; Phil. 1:6

God's calling is private but His purpose is public and
He will not let you fail because of “his name's sake.”

God fills in the gap – 4:11,12 You just have to be in the assigned
place at the right time and leave the rest to God

I am willing prayer

Lord I am willing,
I am willing to receive what you give
I am willing to lack what you withhold
I am willing to sacrifice what you take
I am willing to suffer what you require
I am willing to do what you ask
I am willing to go where you send
Lord I am willing