

The Life of Moses - Learning to follow God His Call -Overcoming our excuses

Exodus 2:15-4:31

Excuses - Skin of a reason - packed with a lie
Some are funny - some are sad

Biblical Background **Exodus 2:15-25**

Dilemma, Deliverance, Direction, Demise
State - *Moses* - Getting comfortable in the wilderness
Israel - Cried out to God

I. Awakened by the Call of God **Exodus 3:1-10**

A. Attracted by the never ending power of God

A burning bush that was not consumed

B. Convinced by the never ending compassion of God

1. God identified Himself - God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
2. God revealed His heart -I have seen, heard, care
3. God revealed His plan Go - I am sending you

II. Acknowledged limitations in the light of God's promised **3:11-4:17**

A. Who am I? -- I am a nobody. **11-12**

Answer - It does not matter - I am with you

B. Who is sending me? - What is your name? **13-22**

Answer - I AM who I AM - ever present one, Eternal **13-14**

- God of your fathers - Faithful **15**
- God of compassion - **16-18**
- God almighty - miracles **19-20**
- God of Abundance **21-22**

C. What if they will not believe me? What do I have to offer? **4:1-9**

Answer - What is in your hand? - a shepherd's staff

His identity and his abilities- 3 miracles

God can restore, heal and control the world

D. I am not eloquent - What will I say? **10-12**

Answer - Who made man's mouth? Who controls his senses?

Twofold answer- I will be with your mouth = ability to speak

I will teach you what to say = words

E. Could you send someone else? Could others do it better? **13-17**

Answer - will not be alone Aaron your brother

Go! And take your staff with you!!

III. Accepted his place of service **4:18-31**

- A. Sought permission from father-in-law
- B. Accepted the covenant of God for his sons
- C. Met with Aaron - Aaron bowed and worshipped

What should we learn about God from his call?

1. God hears and sees the misery of His people
2. God chooses who will serve Him in love
3. God has equipped us to serve Him
4. We are not called to serve alone
5. God prepares us for the battles ahead

What can we expect in service to the King?

1. Expect to be stretched beyond your comfort zone
2. Expect to face your weaknesses
3. Expect to touch lives of those needing God
4. Expect to be changed for life

What excuses to we need to overcome

1. **"I am a nobody"** Low self-esteem
God is with us - He calls us His child
2. **"I don't know enough about God"** Lack of clear relationship
God is ever present, almighty and loving - we are His family
3. **"I have no authority"** Fear of the rejection of others
God has equipped you to serve Him
4. **"I have no ability"** - what can I do
God created you for the task
5. **"Someone else can do it better"** - can't someone else do it
God has chosen you and will give you victory



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