

The Moses in All of Us

God's Gets Moses Attention

Exodus 3:1-5, 7, 9-10

1Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.

2And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

3And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

5And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

7And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

9Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

God got Moses attention with the burning bush, has He gotten your attention?

Moses Reluctance

- WHO AM I?- I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Moses saw himself as not fit for the task. Like Moses many of us also feel not fit for the tasks the Lord has for us to accomplish for His kingdom. Moses was called to fulfill his purpose in serving the LORD. We who are saved are also called for a purpose which the LORD has for all of us. It is the LORDS work; He will supply us with all we need to accomplish His will, if we have Faith.

Has the LORD not promised to be with us?

Exodus 3:11-12

11And Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

The LORD resists the proud and chooses the humble in spirit; we should never think that we are not up to the task.

2Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Self-confidence is not the temper which God uses for His instruments. He works with 'bruised reeds,' and breathes His strength into them. It is when a man says 'I can do nothing,' that he is fit for God to employ. –*MacLaren*

We may often ask ourselves Who Am I? Tell ourselves I can't, I'm not good enough; someone else can do it better. We must be careful to remember that God doesn't call the qualified, but qualifies the called. When we Trust in the LORD we will see that we are fit for the task.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

➤ WHO'S NAME?

Exodus 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them?

It is not just the pastor's job to minister and go to the lost and share the Gospel. It is all of us that are twice born and saved by the blood of Jesus Christ that are called, and we go not in our own power but in the power and name of the LORD Jesus Christ. We are the LORDS disciples and it is His name we proclaim.

Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

It is in the LORD JESUS'S name we come.

➤ THEY WON'T LISTEN OR BELIEVE ME-THE FEAR OF FAILURE

Exodus 4:1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

Whether those we witness to believe us or not should not hinder the telling of the Gospel and sharing the message of salvation. Moses had his mission to go to Pharaoh and deliver his people from bondage. We the saints of the LORD have our calling to witness to a lost and dying world and deliver them from the bondage of sin. We should be faithful in telling a lost and dying world about Jesus and His saving power-the rest is the work of the LORD and Holy Spirit. We just need to be faithful to the calling and share the truth.

The Truth....

John 8:31-32

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;
32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:
9 Not of work lest any man should boast.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Romans 10:9-10

9That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

➤ I AM SLOW OF SPEECH

Exodus 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

Moses now uses his speech impediment as another excuse. There is a little of Moses in all of us as we look for excuses for not serving the LORD. But we must be careful to remember that when we witness it is not us but the LORD and the Holy Spirit that speaks for us.

Exodus 4:11-12

11And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

12Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

John 16:13-14

13Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

14He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

Our speech doesn't have to be eloquent but seasoned with salt and the truth. Testifying of Christ and Christ alone is sufficient. Remember Paul.

1Corinthians 2:1-5

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

➤ SEND SOMEONE ELSE –ANYBODY BUT ME

Exodus 4:13And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of *him whom* thou wilt send.

God sometimes makes choice of those as his messengers, who have the least of the advantages of art or nature, that his grace in them may appear the more glorious. Christ's disciples were no orators, till the Holy Spirit made them such. God condescends to answer the excuse of Moses. Even self-diffidence, when it hinders us from duty, or clogs us in duty, is very displeasing to the Lord. But while we blame Moses for shrinking from this dangerous service, let us ask our own hearts if we are not neglecting duties more easy, and less perilous.-*Matthew Henry*

It seems that Moses just didn't want to go. Whether it was a lack of Faith, Unbelief, Fear of Failure, thinking someone else could do better, all of the above - Moses didn't want to go. We must remember that when God calls us He sees something in us that we might not see in ourselves. Trust God on this one for he knows whom He has called and he will equip us for the task and in His strength we will accomplish His purposes. While there is a little of Moses in all of us, we must remember that with the LORDS strength upon him Moses did great things, and so can we- BELIEVE

Hebrews 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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