**The Excuses of Moses**

*Exodus 3:1-4:17*

1. Who Am I? (3:11)

**Read** **(3:11-12)**

* + Moses questioned whether he was the man for the job. God assured him that with His help he could do it! **(cf. vs. 12)**
  + Christians today can feel the same way, but GOD is with us too!

**(Romans 8:31),** *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

**(Philippians 4:13),** *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

1. What Shall I Say? (3:13)

**Read (3:13-17)**

* + God directed Moses in exactly the words he should use in talking to Israel.
  + Christians today have God’s word to direct them as well!

**(Mark 16:15-16),** *“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*

**(1 Corinthians 2:2),** *“For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”*

1. Suppose They Will Not Believe Me? (4:1)

**Read (4:1-9)**

* + It seems that Moses was afraid he would not be taken seriously
  + God promised to supply signs to bring about faith
  + God has given us sufficient evidence to prove to the honest that our faith is legitimate!

**(John 20:30-31),** *“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”*

The gospel is able to produce faith! **(Romans 10:17),** *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

1. I am Slow of Speech and Slow of Tongue. (4:10)

**Read (4:10-11)**

* + Moses considered himself lacking in ability.
  + God was capable of making up for any shortcomings of Moses (and supplied Aaron as a help, cf. 4:14-16)
  + Christians today make the same excuse!

Did not slow down Paul! **(1 Corinthians 2:3-4),** *“I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”*

* Paul emphasized to the Corinthians that the success of the gospel was not dependent on human ability.
* *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek”* **(Romans 1:16)**.

At least do as Cornelius, and arrange for men to be present in your home as a teacher leads the study. **(cf. Acts 10:24,33)**

* An angel appeared to Cornelius and told him to send for Peter. Peter would teach him the gospel.
* When Cornelius was expecting Peter he *“had called together his relatives and close friends”* **(10:24).**
* Then they heard from Peter the *“things commanded…by God”* **(10:33).**

1. Please send someone else! (4:13)

**Read (4:13-17)**

* + All before merely smokescreens, this was the real trouble
  + Moses didn’t want to do God’s will. This irritated God **(cf. 4:14a)**
  + Too often with Christians today, the problem is exactly the same!
    - We would rather God use someone else
    - We don’t want to do what God has called us to do!
    - We must repent of making excuses, and determine to do God’s will!

Jesus’ prayer in the Garden **(Matthew 26: 39*),*** *“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”*