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REDEEMED FROM BONDAGE IN EGYPT AND BROUGHT INTO A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Moses' Excuses – PART I



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10. They told me at the blood bank this might happen.
9. This is just a 15 minute power-nap like they raved about in the last time management course you sent me to.
8. I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm!
7. I was testing the keyboard for drool resistance.
6. Actually I'm doing a "Stress Level Elimination Exercise Plan" (SLEEP). I learned it at the last mandatory seminar you made me attend.

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Top 10 Excuses if caught sleeping at work (Contd)

5. I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work related stress. Are you discriminatory toward people who practice Yoga?"
4. Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem.
3. Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot.
2. I wasn't sleeping, I was trying to pick up contact lens without hands.
1. In Jesus name…..Amen!!!

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I would like to do it Lord, BUT…

- Lord! You know how busy I am at work
- Lord! You know how busy I am at school
- I'm too young
- This is my weakness
- I'm too old, it's too late at my stage.
- I've done too many wrong things, God couldn't take me
- I don't think I am gifted
- Lord! You know how big my family is and my commitment to my family
- I would like to maintain the balance

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MAIN IDEA:

God has plans;

We have excuses;

God has solutions –

So, our excuses are lame and dumb.



Jeremiah 1:4-7

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth." 7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak.

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Excuses	What they are	Reference
Who am I?	Lack of Confidence	3:11
What is your name/What is the message?	Lack of Message	3:13
What if they wouldn't believe?	Lack of Faith	4:1
I am not eloquent	Lack of Skill	4:10
Send someone else	Lack of Willingness	4:13



Humility should be exhibited in the execution of the work and not in the acceptance of it.



In Excuse No:1 Moses'

problem was:

SELF DEPRECIATION



‘SELF-DEPRECIATION’

<u>Meaning:</u> ***‘It is the undervaluation of oneself and one’s abilities’***



Who are you?

- You are nobody (1 Cor 6:9)
- You are somebody (2 Cor 3:5-6)
  - You are Unique (1 Cor 12:4)
  - You are an Ambassador (2 Cor 5:20)
  - You are a Fragrance (2 Cor 2:15,16)

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Who are you? (Cont'd…)

- You are an Epistle (Eph 5:30)
- You are Christ's body (1 Cor 6:19)
- You are God's temple (Eph 5:30)
- You are a holy and royal priest

  (1 Pet 2:5, 9)

1. You Are Somebody's

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God's solution

- His **PRESENCE**
- His **PROMISE**



In Excuse No:2 Moses'

problem was:

SELF IMAGE

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SELF-IMAGE

<u>Meaning:</u> ***'Self image is how you see yourself in relation to others'***

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2 Corinthians 5:13 *If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God (NIV)*

Greek word **‘Existemi’**

Meaning: *to displace, to stand aside from*

Mark 3:21 When His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses *(existemi)*." (NASB)



God's solution for Excuse 2:

- **I AM the Authority**

  Matthew 28:18 ***And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.'***

Commission ALWAYS follows authority

- **I AM the Message**

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Conclusion

- Admit you sins of Self Depreciation and Self Image
- Acknowledge your value in Christ
- Accept His work for you