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

Moses' Excuses – PART II





MAIN IDEA:

In man's weakness God's power is manifested; in man's unwillingness God's wrath is manifested.



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



In Excuse No:3, Moses' problems were

3. **Unbelief**

4. **Fear of Failure**



‘FAITH’

Meaning: ***‘The Utter and Complete Confidence in the Word of God’***

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FAITH ***is the unquestioning acceptance of God's Word at its face value.***

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God's solution:

I will show you my POWER

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God used three signs:

- Sign of the ***Staff*** – A sign of God's ***power***

  Staff represents ***power***



It depends on whose hands it’s in:

- A basketball in my hands is worth about $19.
- A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about $33 million – It depends on whose hands it's in.
- A baseball in my hands is worth about $6.
- A baseball in Barry Bond’s hands is worth $19 million – It depends on whose hands it's in.
- A tennis racket is useless in my hands.
- A tennis racket in Roger Federer’s hands is a Wimbledon Championship – It depends on whose hands it's in.



- A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.
- A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea – It depends on whose hands it's in.
- A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.
- A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon – It depends on whose hands it's in.
- Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.
- Two fish and five loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands – It depends on whose hands it's in.
- Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.
- Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world – It depends on whose hands it's in.



God used three signs:

- Sign of the ***Staff*** – A sign of God's ***power***

  Staff represents ***power***

- Sign of a ***Leprous Hand*** – A sign of God's ***holiness***

  Leprosy represents ***sin***

- Sign of ***blood*** – A sign of God's **judgment**

  Blood represents ***Judgment***



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In Excuse No:4, Moses' problem was **SELF PITY**



SELF-PITY

<u>Meaning:</u> ***'Self pity is sorrowing over one's own misfortunes or weaknesses'***

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1 Corinthians 1:26-29 *For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no man may boast before God.*

Eugene Peterson in his paraphrase – *'That none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God'*

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God's solution for Excuse 4:

'I can change it'

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Send someone else	Lack of willingness	4:13

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In Excuse No:5, Moses' problem was **HIMSELF**



God's Reaction: The Anger of the Lord burned against Moses

Unwillingness carries a COST with it



God's solution for excuse 5:

'Accept my 2nd best plan'



Example of Paul

Acts 26:19 "So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision…"



Conclusion

In Your plans for me,

- I am available – Yes/No
- I am willing – Yes/No