

# Exodus (The Way Out)

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community church



Saturday & Sunday, January 27/28, 2018 Ray Davis

## Exodus 3:11-4:31 “**God’s Empowering Presence**”

God never calls us into intimacy with Him (to bless us) without also sending us out to make an impact in this world (to be a blessing). He never sends us out without also giving us all that we need in Him. All that we need in Him almost always flows through obedience rooted in faith. When we consider what we have in Him, we have no excuses for not making an impact. (Phil4:13; 2Pet1:3; 2Cor9:8)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Excuse: Who am I?**

Exodus 3:11

**God’s Answer: You have My Presence!** Josh1:9; Isa41:10

Verse 12

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Excuse: Who are you?**

Verse 13

**God’s Answer: You have My Power!** Ps10:9-10; Pro18:10

Verses 14-15

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Excuse: What if I fail?**

Exodus 4:1

**God’s Answer: You have My Provision!** (gifts/desires/abilities/personality/experiences) John 6:5-13; Pro11:25; Luke 6:38

Verses 2-9

### **4<sup>th</sup> Excuse: What if I have disabilities?**

Verse 10

**God’s Answer: You have My Purposes!** Job42:2; Eccl 7:14; Jn9:1-3

Verses 11-12

### **5<sup>th</sup> Excuse: What if I don’t want to?** (It’s not that I can’t, but I won’t)

Verse 13

**God’s Answer: You have My People!** (Aaron and the Elders)

Ex3:16, 4:29; 1Tim3; Titus1; 1Pet5; Heb10:24-25

Verses 14- 17

## **Ministry/Mission Check list:**

✓ **Don’t wait.** (no more excuses, get moving) Eph5:14-17

Verses 18-20

✓ **Work hard.** (it’s not going to be easy) 1Cor15:58

Verses 21-23

✓ **Don’t worry, God is still working on you.** (ministry will expose your junk) Phil1:6

Verses 24-26

✓ **Always let your work flow from your worship.** (We are called to be worshipers 1<sup>st</sup> & workers 2<sup>nd</sup>) Matt22:37-40

Verses 27-31

## **Growing Notes**

- 1) What are your thoughts and feelings about the introduction to this sermon? Once you’ve encountered God (blessed), do you think it’s even possible to not want to be sent out (be a blessing)? (See Jer20:9 & Acts 4:13, 20) Why do we have no excuses for not making an impact with our lives for Christ (Phil4:13; 2Pet1:3; 2Cor9:8)?
- 2) Work through Moses’s five excuses and God’s answers along with verses. What would you say is Moses’ overall tone: God absorbed or self-absorbed? Explain. Is Moses’ self-absorption an attitude of superiority (boasting/pride) or inferiority (self-pity/fear)? How have you in the past made similar excuses for not being sent out to bless others for God (ministry/missions)?
- 3) Why do you think helping a wounded person out of an inferiority complex into a superiority complex by telling them to “look out for #1,” keeps them stuck? The cure to self-absorption (superiority or inferiority complex) is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less because your heart is full of God’s glory. How is this consistent with how God corrects Moses’ inferiority complex?
- 4) Go through the Ministry/Mission Check List and verses. What is God speaking to you through this teaching? What is your next step in making an impact in people’s lives for Christ in 2018? Why should worship always proceed our work? Pray.