



## THE TEXT

**Exodus 4:1-4**, *Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’” The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. But the LORD said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail”—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—*

**4:6-7**, *Again, the LORD said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. Then God said, “Put your hand back inside your cloak.” So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh.*

**4:9-14**, *If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.” But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.” Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.*

**4:21-23a**, *And the LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.”’*

**4:31**, *And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.*

**2 Corinthians 4:7**, *But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.*

## SOME PRINCIPLES:

- ★ God is in the business of calling us to things that are too big for us to succeed in our own abilities.
- ★ God can accomplish the extraordinary with ordinary things.
- ★ Moses had a faith problem, not a speech problem.
- ★ God is working to solve our problems before we even know we have a problem for Him to solve.
- ★ After all of Moses’ objections and questioning and resisting of God’s plan, God did everything exactly as He said He would.

## THREE APPLICATIONS:

1. Jesus came to set you free from \_\_\_\_\_
2. God calls us to do things beyond \_\_\_\_\_
3. God’s big plans won’t fit inside our \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 1:27-31**, *But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*



**BIBLE:** *What scripture has most captured your attention this week?*

**FAITH:** *How can we help each other trust God more?*

**THANKFULNESS:** *What are we thanking God for today?*

**OIKOS:** *What opportunity is God giving you in your oikos relationships?*

**SERMONS:** *What idea from this week’s sermon are you attempting to apply?*