



An Unexpected Journey

Exodus 3-4

The Torah:

First 5 books of the Old Testament

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy





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יְהוָה יְהוָה
לֵאמֹר
יְהוָה יְהוָה
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Moses' Ancestry

Abraham



Isaac



Jacob



Reuben, Simeon, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher,
Issachar, Zebulun, Levi Joseph, Benjamin



Moses





“Hey Dude!”



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Exodus 3:7, 11-12

Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. . . . Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”



Moses' Excuses

1. Identity



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1. Identity
2. Ignorance



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Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”



Exodus 4:1


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.’”



Moses' Excuses

1. Identity
2. Ignorance
3. Unbelief





Wait, wha- no! No. No, wait. We do not want any adventures here, thank you- not today! Not-- I suggest you try over the Hill or across the Water. Good morning!

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3. Unbelief
4. Inadequacy



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Exodus 4:10

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.”



Exodus 4:11-12

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.”



Our “Heroes” of the Faith

NOAH... got drunk

ABRAHAM... was too old

ISAAC... was a coward and a liar

JACOB... was a deceiver

LEAH... was not pretty

JOSEPH... was spoiled & privileged

GIDEON... was afraid

SAMSON... was a womanizer

RAHAB... was a prostitute



Our “Heroes” of the Faith

TIMOTHY... was young

DAVID... was an adulterer and murderer

ELIJAH... was suicidal

ISAIAH... preached naked

JONAH... ran from God

NAOMI... was a widow

JOB... went bankrupt

JOHN the BAPTIST... ate bugs & dressed funny

PETER... denied Jesus 3 times



Our “Heroes” of the Faith

The DISCIPLES... fell asleep while praying

MARTHA... was a worry-wart

MARY MAGDALENE... was demon possessed

The SAMARITAN WOMAN... had 5 husbands

ZACCHEUS... was small

PAUL... murdered Christians

TIMOTHY... had a stomach ailment

LAZARUS... was dead!



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5. Unavailability



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Exodus 4:13

But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."



Exodus 4:14-15

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. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do.



Moses' Excuses:

1. Identity (Who am I?)
2. Ignorance (Who are You?)
3. Unbelief (What if?)
4. Inadequacy (What am I?)
5. Unavailability (Thanks, but no thanks!)



What We Tell Ourselves:

- I can't find the time to pray
- I can't get along with my spouse
- I can't discipline the kids like I should
- I can't stop over-eating
- I can't maintain a pure thought life
- I can't share the gospel with other people



In Reality...

- I won't find the time to pray
- I won't get along with my spouse
- I won't discipline the kids like I should
- I won't stop over-eating
- I won't maintain a pure thought life
- I won't share the gospel with other people



2 Corinthians 3:4-5

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Philippians 4:14

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.



7 things We Must Understand

(By Henry Blackaby)

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with him in his work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit primarily through his Word, to reveal his ways.



7 things We Must Understand

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5. God's invitation to work with him always leads you to a crisis of faith and action.
6. You must make big adjustments in your life to join God in what he is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey him, and as he works through you.





I'm going on an adventure!

