

# Moses

*Excuses... Excuses!*

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There is surely nothing new under the sun. One of the things that is not new, nor seems to dissipate, is man's unenthusiastic reaction to God's call. I am confident that most Christians have responded in one way or another, at one time or another as Moses did. Moses' response however seems to run the trail, from start to the finish. As he worked down the excuse trail, the LORD continued to assure him that He was indeed in control.

Moses' first question is his uniqueness in the servanthood (3:11). This is often the first question that many have asked as they heard God's call on their life, "what makes me worthy of such a task?". The LORD quickly reminds him, that it is not in his worthiness but by the leading of the LORD himself that he is to go forth (3:12).

When our focus and unwillingness "to go" continues, it often leads to one of our greatest fears, that of rejection. I believe that the fear of rejection can be one of the greatest obstacles in Christian service. This begins to manifest itself in questioning, "what will I possibly say to these people?" (3:13). This in turn is normally followed by the underlying uneasiness of whether or not they will believe or even listen to what I have to say (4:1). The process continues, with complete disregard of the primary command and commander.

No matter how God comforts us through the truth of His Word and the examples of His watch care, as long as our focus is displaced, we will always see man's imperfections and not God's completeness in perfection. This is where Moses ends up, as he attempts to use God's own creation as an excuse (4:10).

Eventually, if we continue to reject the LORD's calling, the results are inevitable. We see that the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses. This is not a resting place. Ultimately, the LORD's work was accomplished and He was glorified, however Moses was the one who missed out on the blessings of God, all a result of his excuses.

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