

Excuses, Excuses

Exodus 3:10-4:18

In Exodus 3:10, God gives Moses a ministry assignment: Return to Egypt and lead the nation of Israel out of slavery. Moses responds by stating his reservations and objections to God's plan. God patiently addresses each concern.

Objection	God's answer
"Who am I?" (3:11) Fear of Inadequacy	"I will be with you." (3:12) "You will return to Mt. Sinai to worship."
"I wouldn't know what to say." (3:13) Fear of Ignorance and Inability	"Tell them Yahweh sent you." (3:14) Yahweh is God's personal name. (3:15) God is unchangeable. (3:16) God has the power to deliver and provide. (3:17-22)
"What if they won't believe me?" (4:1) Fear of Ineffectiveness	"Here are three convincing proofs." (2-9)
"I am not qualified" (4:10) Fear of Incompetence	"I am sovereignly qualified." (4:11) "I will teach you what to say." (4:12)
"No. Send someone else." (4:13) Disobedience	"You will work with your brother." (4:14-17)

Moses prepares to return to Egypt (4:18).

God can handle our objections, reservations, insecurities, and excuses. What he wants is our obedience.