

# WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Exodus 4:10-17--August 18th, 2024

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## **Sermon Recap:**

### **Anyone But Me**

When God revealed himself to Moses and commanded him to go to Egypt, he replied, "Send someone else." Moses will learn, though, that when God calls a person to action, God will provide a way.

#### **I. Not Me**

##### **a. Insufficient Man**

- "not eloquent"- literally- "I am not a man of words...I am heavy of mouth." Possible Meanings:
  - Not educated/lost mastery of Egyptian language. Not likely.
  - Shy/lacking confidence. Not likely.
  - Possessed a stutter or stammer. Most likely.
- God doesn't call, to salvation or ministry, based on ability.
- Moses didn't have an ability problem, he had an obedience problem. God had provided a clear, concise calling; an unmistakable command and instead of trusting God and going, he objected and made excuses.
- All people, apart from God, are insufficient to fulfill their calling.

##### **b. All Sufficient God**

- V.11- these questions are meant to remind us that in his sovereign providence we are all fearfully and wonderfully made! We are exactly as he willed. All of our abilities, inabilities, even disabilities are ordained by a sovereign God.
- God doesn't deny that this lack of eloquence exists and we don't have to either. We don't have to deny our infirmities or disabilities (physical or spiritual).
  - It is those very weakness that God providentially used to teach us that his grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9-11).
  - Philip Graham Ryken said, "We were made for God's glory and we should not imagine that our personal limitations somehow place a limit on God's ability to glorify himself in our lives."

#### **II. Someone Else**

- Moses starts strong, but after encounter God and hearing the demand, he reveals his disobedience in saying, "Send someone else."
- When God has revealed Himself to us, when he has shown us who we are, and what we are called to do...then it is time to stop with the questions and obey. It's time to stop looking for someone else.
- To think we can live unfaithful, idle lives, neglecting our call while the body of Christ picks up the slack, and still reap the reward at the end, is absurd. It's a life lacking faith, a life of disobedience; a life of sin.

##### **a. Anger of God**

- V.14a- Moses disobedience angers God- literally, "The nose/nostrils of Yahweh burned."

##### **b. Provision of God**

- V.14b- God is still merciful, reveals that Moses will not go alone. He will be provided with support to complement his weaknesses (Aaron) and the words and ways to fulfill his calling will be taught to him.
- Therefore, by God's authority and with God's assistance...go...v.17.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What was Moses' excuse to God this time?
- What did this mean?
- Upon what basis does God call people to salvation and ministry?
- What is the purpose of the rhetorical questions in v.11?
- What does v.11 teach us about our abilities, inabilities, and disabilities?
- How can those weaknesses strengthen our faith?
- How can those weaknesses create ministry opportunities?
- What is God's response to our excuses?
- Can our excuses ever change God's mind? Why or why not?
- How does God show mercy to Moses?
- How does he show mercy in our callings today?

## **Application:**

- How has God called/commissioned you generally?
- How has God called/commissioned you specifically?
- What weaknesses/limitations effect your ability to honor that call?
- In what ways do you neglect your calling?
- How does God's response to Moses inform your response to God's call?

