

DAY 38

Excuse Your Excuses!

Moses answered, “What if they won’t believe me and will not obey me ...?”

Exodus 4:1

Leadership Affirmation

I trust the Lord to use me, to give me the words to say and the wisdom to lead those

He brings across my path on this journey we call life.

When God calls, He isn’t looking for perfect résumés. He is the equipper. So, He patiently hears our *I can’t* or *they won’t* or *what if* excuses. Moses provides an insight into some common excuses we offer when God disrupts our world with a call to join Him in His mission of delivering His people from bondage.

Objection #1: “Who am I?” (Exodus 3:11). Moses sees an amazing sight and hears an eyebrow-raising summons. His first response basically says, “*I think You meant to call someone taller, smarter, and more Egyptian.*” We all do this. God looks at us and sees potential. We look in the mirror and see our limitations.

Objection #2: “They Won’t Believe Me” (Exodus 4:1). Moses predicts failure before he even tries. In today’s terms, this is the fear of being taken seriously, of people willing to follow your leadership. Ministry isn’t about being impressive. It’s about being faithful. God blesses our availability. He equips us for service.

Objection #3: “I’m Not Good at Speaking” (Exodus 4:10). Ah, yes, the public speaking panic attack. Moses wasn’t thrilled about speaking to large crowds of his own people, much less delivering an ultimatum to a powerful monarch. He basically tells God, “*I’m not TED Talk material.*”

Objection #4: “Can You Send Someone Else?” (Exodus 4:13). When God disrupts our routine, we want to pass the buck to another. You can almost hear God sigh with frustration over Moses’ continued hesitation, but He gives Moses help in the form of his brother Aaron. God, in His mercy, is not dissuaded by our reluctance.

Objection #5: “I Have a Past.” Moses had a literal skeleton buried in the sand. And maybe you have your own skeletons. We think, surely God would never use someone who’s messed up *that* badly. But redemption is kind of God’s thing. His response is grace. He can use even the most flawed sinner to point others to Christ.

Prayer for Protection

Lord, I reject satan’s shrill lies that You cannot use me to bring deliverance to those enslaved by sin.