

Connect to L.I.F.E.

Moses

L.I.F.E. is an acronym, where we are talking about connecting to the Lord, connecting to Instruction, connecting to Fellowship and connecting to Evangelism.

God has saved every one of us to be workers
for His glory

10 For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared ahead
of time for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

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18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works.

James 2:18

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We try and find every reason why we can't be the one He wants for the job of bringing others to Him.

With the idea of our desire to connect to Evangelism, let's study these things together and notice God's answers for our excuses.

1. The Excuse of Inability

1 Meanwhile, Moses was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Exodus 3:1–12

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2 Then the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire within a bush. As Moses looked, he saw that the bush was on fire but was not consumed.

Exodus 3:1–12

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3 So Moses thought, “I must go over and look at this remarkable sight. Why isn’t the bush burning up?”

Exodus 3:1–12

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4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called out to him from the bush, “Moses, Moses!” “Here I am,” he answered.

Exodus 3:1–12

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5 “Do not come closer,” he said.
“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

Exodus 3:1–12

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6 Then he continued, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:1–12

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7 Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people in Egypt, and have heard them crying out because of their oppressors. I know about their sufferings,

Exodus 3:1–12

8 and I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the territory of the Canaanites, Hethites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.

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9 So because the Israelites' cry for help has come to me, and I have also seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them,

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10 therefore, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you may lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

Exodus 3:1–12

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11 But Moses asked God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

Exodus 3:1–12

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12 He answered, “I will certainly be with you, and this will be the sign to you that I am the one who sent you: when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will all worship God at this mountain.”

Exodus 3:1–12

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11 But Moses asked God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

Exodus 3:11

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In our haste to give up before we ever start, we forget one important truth: God chose us!

26 Brothers and sisters, consider your calling: Not many were wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth.

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

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27 Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

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28 God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something,

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

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29 so that no one may boast in his presence.

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

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30 It is from him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom from God for us—our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

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31 —in order that, as it is written:
Let the one who boasts, boast in
the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

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12 He answered, “I will certainly be with you, and this will be the sign to you that I am the one who sent you: when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will all worship God at this mountain.”

Exodus 3:12

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In response to Moses' objection, God gives him a pair of promises.

First, He tells Moses, “I will go with you.”

Secondly, He says, “After you accomplish what I have sent you to do, I will meet you here.”

14 For he knows what we are made of, remembering that we are dust.

Psalm 103:14

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13 I am able to do all things through
him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

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20 teaching them to observe
everything I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you
always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

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3 If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.

John 14:3

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3 and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him.

Revelation 22:3

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In and of yourself, you are incapable of anything godly and good, but through the power of God, you can do anything!

9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.” Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may reside in me.

2 Corinthians 12:9–10

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10 So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9–10

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2. The Excuse of Inadequacy

13 Then Moses asked God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I tell them?”

Exodus 3:13–22

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14 God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

Exodus 3:13–22

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15 God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.

Exodus 3:13–22

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16 “Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them: The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me and said: I have paid close attention to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt.

Exodus 3:13–22

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17 And I have promised you that I will bring you up from the misery of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, Hethites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 3:13–22

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18 They will listen to what you say. Then you, along with the elders of Israel, must go to the king of Egypt and say to him: The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Now please let us go on a three-day trip into the wilderness so that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

Exodus 3:13–22

19 “However, I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go, even under force from a strong hand.

Exodus 3:13–22

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20 But when I stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my miracles that I will perform in it, after that, he will let you go.

Exodus 3:13–22

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21 And I will give these people such favor with the Egyptians that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.

Exodus 3:13–22

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22 Each woman will ask her neighbor and any woman staying in her house for silver and gold jewelry, and clothing, and you will put them on your sons and daughters. So you will plunder the Egyptians.”

Exodus 3:13–22

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While Moses may be inadequate, the God who calls him and equips him certainly is not!

His great Name, I AM, becomes an open ended statement of fact.

Never allow a lack of an education, a lack of money, a lack of skill or any other thing stop you from being everything God wants you to be and doing what He wants you to do.

20 Now to him who is able to do
above and beyond all that we ask
or think according to the power that
works in us—

Ephesians 3:20

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11 For there is no favoritism with
God.

Romans 2:11

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3. The Excuse of Inferiority

1 Moses answered, “What if they won’t believe me and will not obey me but say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?”

Exodus 4:1–9

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2 The Lord asked him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied.

Exodus 4:1–9

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3 “Throw it on the ground,” he said.
So Moses threw it on the ground, it
became a snake, and he ran from
it.

Exodus 4:1–9

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4 The Lord told Moses, “Stretch out your hand and grab it by the tail.” So he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand.

Exodus 4:1–9

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5 “This will take place,” he continued, “so that they will believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

Exodus 4:1–9

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6 In addition the Lord said to him,
“Put your hand inside your cloak.”
So he put his hand inside his cloak,
and when he took it out, his hand
was diseased, resembling snow.

Exodus 4:1–9

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7 “Put your hand back inside your cloak,” he said. So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, it had again become like the rest of his skin.

Exodus 4:1–9

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8 “If they will not believe you and will not respond to the evidence of the first sign, they may believe the evidence of the second sign.

Exodus 4:1–9

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9 And if they don't believe even these two signs or listen to what you say, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the Nile will become blood on the ground.”

Exodus 4:1–9

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We often feel that we are inferior to the world around us.

When the Lord comes in saving power, He also comes in life changing power.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; the old has
passed away, and see, the new has
come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he
turned to me and heard my cry.

Psalm 40:1–2

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2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire; he set my
feet on a rock and gave me a firm
place to stand.

Psalm 40:1–2

NIV

4. The Excuse of Infirmary

10 But Moses replied to the Lord,
“Please, Lord, I have never been
eloquent—either in the past or recently
or since you have been speaking to
your servant—because my mouth and
my tongue are sluggish.”

Exodus 4:10–17

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11 The Lord said to him, “Who placed a mouth on humans? Who makes a person mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?”

Exodus 4:10–17

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12 Now go! I will help you speak
and I will teach you what to say.”

Exodus 4:10–17

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13 Moses said, “Please, Lord, send someone else.”

Exodus 4:10–17

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14 Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses, and he said, "Isn't Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, he is on his way now to meet you. He will rejoice when he sees you.

Exodus 4:10–17

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15 You will speak with him and tell him what to say. I will help both you and him to speak and will teach you both what to do.

Exodus 4:10–17

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16 He will speak to the people for you. He will serve as a mouth for you, and you will serve as God to him.

Exodus 4:10–17

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17 And take this staff in your hand that you will perform the signs with.”

Exodus 4:10–17

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Whatever your perceived impediment may be,
God was well aware of it before He chose you
for His work.

God's response to Moses is that He made man's mouth and He made man's mind, and He was able to give man what he needed when he needed it!

13 Moses said, “Please, Lord, send someone else.”

Exodus 4:13

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He can still take those whom He has saved and fill their minds and their mouths for His glory

11 Whenever they bring you before synagogues and rulers and authorities, don't worry about how you should defend yourselves or what you should say.

Luke 12:11

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We too, have been given a helper in the Person of the Holy Spirit! He is always with us and will teach us what we need to know

15 Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I told you that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

John 16:15

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God can and wants to use you as His evangelist. All He asks is that you be available and that you be usable.

Conclusion

Regardless of the excuses that man concocts for not doing the will of God, God always has an answer.

God wants to use YOU !

The best thing you and I can do is throw our excuses down and realize that God is able where we are not.

Are you willing to come to Him in obedience and without excuse? Are you willing to say, “God, here I am send me”, like Isaiah did? How is God speaking to you this morning?