

Intro:

Main Point of Text: God calls Moses to be used by Him, and He does not accept any excuses of doubt to get out of it.

Sermon Point: *Stop making excuses!*

Move 1: It is good to have healthy humility.

Vs. 10-11. Moses marvels at his calling. He has been shepherding as an exile four decades. Moses 40 years as a prince, then 40 years shepherding in wilderness to later be a humble leader (and was: Num. 12:3, ... *Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.* 2 Cor. 12:7-9.

Move 2: It is not good to have disobedient and deceptive doubt.

After all God's incredible prophetic affirmations, Moses makes first excuse: Vs. 4:1 (contradicts 3:18 and 4:31). After miraculous affirmations, Moses makes second excuse: 4:10 (Contradicts Acts 7:22: *And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds*). After Personal presence affirmation (again), Moses makes third excuse: 4:13; leaves "except me" unspoken, but God knows his heart and it makes him angry: vs. 14 (lit. "and burned nostrils of Lord"). God makes concession w/ Aaron, but STILL requires Moses to go: vss. 15-17. Moses was unwilling to trust/obey.

Move 3: For God has said He is with you and working through you.

Moses was rejected by brethren, sought to be killed by Pharaoh: 40 years to digest in desert. But things are changing: God said He was in the process of Personally delivering the Israelites: 3:8, 17, 20, 21. Context of conversation: burning bush! Vs. 12, "I will be with you". Vss. 13-14: YHWH, Jahweh: "I am". Vs. 10 behind this name: "my people/children of Israel (also vss. 13, 14). Vss. 15-16; 4:5 explain the name: Covenant God of the Patriarchs Who keeps His promises to them and His seed; Thus, vs. 16, "surely visited" (Gen. 50:24). Self-existent/sufficient "El Shaddai" is still here, always will be here for His people. So God affirms Moses: 4:11-12, 15. Thus vs. 16: "you will be to them as God!" Mt. 10:19; Mat. 28:18-20; Heb. 13:5. Jesus said before Abraham was, I Am (John 8:58). Heb. 13:8: Jesus the same yesterday, today, forever. John 16:33.

Conclusion:

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