

**Title:** What excuse do you have?  
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## Word

### Introduction

Take a moment to think about your greatest fear/ doubt/uncertainty/weakness.  
Discuss in groups of 2 or 3.

### Excuse #1: Who am I?

#### Exodus 3:11

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

### Response #1: I am with you

#### Exodus 3:12

<sup>12</sup> So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

### Excuse #2: What shall I say?

#### Exodus 3:13

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

### Response #2: You know Me

#### Exodus 3:14-15

<sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " <sup>15</sup> Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

### Excuse #3: What if they don't listen?

#### Exodus 4:1

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "

### Response #3: I will show them

#### Exodus 4:2, 8-9

<sup>2</sup> So the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."

<sup>8</sup> "Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. <sup>9</sup> And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour it on the dry land. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land."

### Excuse #4: I'm not eloquent

#### Exodus 4:10

<sup>10</sup> Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

#### **Response #4: Who made you?**

##### **Exodus 4:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?"

<sup>12</sup> Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

#### **Excuse #5: Please send someone else**

##### **Exodus 4:13**

<sup>13</sup> But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send."

#### **Response #5: I've chosen you**

##### **Exodus 4:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. <sup>15</sup> Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. <sup>16</sup> So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. <sup>17</sup> And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."

#### **Conclusion**

1. Is your excuse that of your identity, how to testify, the fear of man, or your ability?
2. God has responded and made provision for every fear/doubt/weakness, through Jesus Christ.