

# **“Moses: When You Feel Inadequate”**

## **Heroes – Part 3**

Exodus 3-4

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### **FEELING INADEQUATE FOR SERVICE, MOSES RAISED . . .**

#### **1. THE HUMILITY QUESTION.**

*“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?’”* Exodus 3:11 (NKJV)

*“Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.”* Numbers 12:3 (NKJV)

##### **➤ God’s Assurance?**

*“So He said, ‘I will certainly be with you. . .’”* Exodus 3:12a (NKJV)

#### **2. THE AUTHORITY QUESTION.**

*“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?’”* Exodus 3:13 (NKJV)

##### **➤ God’s Answer?**

*“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.”’”* Exodus 3:14

#### **3. THE CREDIBILITY QUESTION.**

*“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.”’”* Exodus 4:1 (NKJV)

##### **➤ God’s Assignment?**

*“So the LORD said to him, ‘What is that in your hand?’ He said, ‘A rod.’ And He said, ‘Cast it on the ground.’ So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Reach out your hand and take it by the tail’ (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), ‘that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.’ Furthermore the LORD said to him, ‘Now put your hand in your bosom.’ And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow. And He said, ‘Put your hand in your bosom again.’ So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh. ‘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. 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.’”* Exodus 4:2-9 (NKJV)

#### **4. THE ABILITY QUESTION.**

*“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.’”* Exodus 4:10 (NKJV)

##### **➤ God’s Announcement?**

*“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? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.’”*

Exodus 4:11-12 (NKJV)

## 5. THE AVAILABILITY QUESTION.

*"But he said, 'O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.'" Exodus 4:13 (NKJV)*

### ➤ **God's Allowance?**

*"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. . . 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.'" Exodus 4:14, 16 (NKJV)*

**CONTEMPORARY CONCLUSION: WHEN GOD SPEAKS YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO MAKE A LIFE ADJUSTMENT.**