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Exodus 4:10-12 (NIV)

Go And Do

Don't make excuses for why you can't go and do what I am asking you to do for me. Don't say what is obvious. What is obvious? **You are not able to go and do what I am asking you to do for me.** Then we agree. **No, we don't agree.** It seems like we agree. How is it that we are not in agreement? **You think that you are unable, unprepared and unqualified.** Yes, I do. **On that much we do agree.** I thought so. **What you don't understand is that you will never be fully able, completely prepared and totally qualified to go and do all that I am asking you to do for me.** Why is that? **I will always call you to do more than you can do by yourself.** Why is that? **You tell me.** Well, your word does say that apart from you I can do nothing. I take that to mean that I can't do anything that will bear fruit for all eternity and bring glory to your name without your help. **That's right.**

You need my help to bear fruit for all eternity and bring glory to my name. Yes, I do. **Is there more that you have on your mind?** I'm guessing that you ask me to do more than I am able so that I will come to rely on you. **Why do you think that is?** You want to have an intimate relationship with me. You want me to live in close fellowship with you. **Yes, I do.** If I were completely able to do all that you asked of me I might become self-reliant and self-sufficient. I might think that I don't really need your help. I probably wouldn't come to rely on you for your help. **That's true.** As it is, I desperately need your help to go and do what you are asking me to do for you. **Yes, you do.** When you help me to do what I couldn't possibly do with my own gifts, talents and abilities my faith in you grows. I know that you are with me to help me. I know that I am not alone. I know that you are working in and through me. That is a very good feeling. I am filled with joy and thanksgiving when I know that you are using me. **Yes, you are.** I and everyone around me gives praise and glory to you for doing only what you could have done in and through me. **That's right.** Now, I think we are in agreement. **How so?** I want you to use me. I will trust you to make me able to go and do all that you ask of me. **Yes, I will.**

Lord, your call is difficult and challenging. Many times it has been very uncomfortable. Forgive me when I have been tentative and reluctant and wishing you would send someone else. Thank you for not sending someone else and continuing to use me instead. Amen

Mouth *I Will Help You Speak*

Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

NIV Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I Will Be With You As You Speak*

But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled." Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say."

NLT Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I Will Be With Your Mouth*

But Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."

NRSV Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I Will Be With Your Mouth*

And Moses said to the Lord, O Lord, I am not eloquent or a man of words, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and have a heavy and awkward tongue. And the Lord said to him, Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the dumb, or the deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and will teach you what you shall say.

AMP Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I Will Be With Your Mouth*

Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? "Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say."

NASB Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I Will Be With Your Mouth*

But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

ESV Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I Will Be With Your Mouth*

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." 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."

NKJV Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I'll Be Right There With You – With Your Mouth!*

Moses raised another objection to GOD: "Master, please, I don't talk well. I've never been good with words, neither before nor after you spoke to me. I stutter and stammer." GOD said, "And who do you think made the human mouth? And who makes some mute, some deaf, some sighted, some blind? Isn't it I, GOD? So, get going. I'll be right there with you—with your mouth! I'll be right there to teach you what to say."

MSG Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I Will Help You To Speak Well*

But Moses pleaded, "O Lord, I'm just not a good speaker. I never have been, and I'm not now, even after you have spoken to me, for I have a speech impediment." "Who makes mouths?" Jehovah asked him. "Isn't it I, the Lord? Who makes a man so that he can speak or not speak, see or not see, hear or not hear? Now go ahead and do as I tell you, for I will help you to speak well, and I will tell you what to say."

TLB Exodus 4:10-12

Mouth *I Will Help You Speak*

But Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been a skilled speaker. Even now, after talking to you, I cannot speak well. I speak slowly and can't find the best words." Then the LORD said to him, "Who made a person's mouth? And who makes someone deaf or not able to speak? Or who gives a person sight or blindness? It is I, the LORD. Now go! I will help you speak, and I will teach you what to say."

NCV Exodus 4:10-12

I Will Help You Speak

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Mouth – Exodus 4:10-12

In Context: *Read Exodus 4*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What ministry is the Lord now calling you to do for Him?

When have you felt inadequate to do what the Lord is asking you to do for Him?

Why is it very likely that the Lord will call you to do something that is beyond your abilities?

When have you hoped that the Lord would send someone else to do what He is calling you to do for Him?

When have you had to rely on the Lord for His strength to do what He is calling you to do for Him?

When has the Lord given the words that He wanted you to confidently and boldly speak for Him?

How have you known that the Lord accomplished something through you that only He could do?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask the Lord to give you the power to do the ministry He is calling you to do for Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will empower you to do whatever ministry He is calling you to do for Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has empowered you to serve Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you trust the Lord to give you the words that He wants you to speak for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will trust that you will give me the words that you want me to speak for Him.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what words do you want me to confidently and boldly speak for you today?
