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## **I Will Help You**

**So, you feel inadequate to go and do what I am asking you to do for me? You feel unprepared to accomplish my purposes? You feel unable to fulfill my plans? Am I hearing you correctly?** Yes, you are hearing me loud and clear. **Would you believe that you are the first person that I have called into my service who has felt inadequate, unprepared and unable to accomplish my purposes and fulfill my plans?** No, I wouldn't believe that, not for a second. **That's good. Would you believe that if you feel completely adequate, fully prepared and totally able to accomplish my assignment, then something is wrong.** Like what? **Like, I'm not calling you to do what you feel completely adequate, fully prepared and totally able to accomplish. That's not me. You can be sure that the very easy assignments that are before you are not what I have in mind for you.** What do you have in mind for me?

**Let me ask you a few questions.** I'm listening. You have my full attention. **When have I given you a super easy assignment? When have I given you an assignment that didn't cause you to come to rely on me? When have I given you an assignment that you could do without my help?** I can't remember you ever giving me an assignment like that. **That's good, because those are not the kind of assignments that you will receive from me.** What kind of assignments will I receive from you? **I have assignments in mind for you that will stretch your faith. I have assignments in mind for you that will cause you to come to rely on me. I have assignments in mind for you that will be far beyond what you could possibly imagine. I expect that you will have some fear about the assignments that I will give to you. I expect that you will have some doubts about the assignments that I will give to you. Will you face your fears? Will you confront your doubts? Will you have faith in me? Will you come to rely on me? Do you believe that I will work in and through your life? Do you believe that I will help you do whatever I ask you to do for me?** Yes Lord, I believe that you will be with me to help me. I will say yes to you. I will say yes to the assignments that you give to me. **That is very good. I will help you.**

*Lord, I will go and do whatever you ask me to do. I will not hesitate. I will not debate with you, even though, I don't feel adequate or prepared for this assignment. I will need your help every step of my way. I will trust you, to give me all I will need to serve you. Amen*

**Guidance** *Now Go*

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." But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

NIV Exodus 4:10-13

**Guidance** *Now Go!*

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." But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else."

NLT Exodus 4:10-13

**Guidance** *Now Go*

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." But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else."

NRSV Exodus 4:10-13

**Guidance** *So, Get Going*

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." He said, "Oh, Master, please! Send somebody else!"

AMP Exodus 4:10-13

**Guidance** *Now Then Go*

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." But he said, "Please, Lord, now send the message by whomever You will."

NASB Exodus 4:10-13

**Guidance** *Now Therefore Go*

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." But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."

ESV Exodus 4:10-13

**Guidance** *Now Therefore, Go*

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." But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send."

NKJV Exodus 4:10-13

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MSG Exodus 4:10-13

**Guidance** *Now Go Ahead*

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." But Moses said, "Lord, please! Send someone else."

TLB Exodus 4:10-13

**Guidance** *Now Go!*

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." But Moses said, "Please, Lord, send someone else."

NCV Exodus 4:10-13

# Now Go

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## Guidance – Exodus 4:10-13

**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?)*

Lord, I will go and do whatever you ask me to do. I will not hesitate. I will not debate with you, even though, I don't feel adequate or prepared for this assignment. I will need your help every step of my way. I will trust you, to give me all I will need to serve you. Amen

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

When has God given you a difficult assignment for you to do for Him?

**When have you felt inadequate to do what God was asking you to do for Him?**

When have you fearfully asked God to send someone else to do what He was asking you to do?

**How has God prepared you to do what He is asking you to do for Him?**

What difficulties have you had to work through as you have served the Lord?

**How has God given you all that you need to go and do what He is asking you to do for Him?**

When have you had faith and trust in God so that you went and did the difficult thing He was asking you to do?

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

Say yes to God and go and do whatever He is asking you to do for Him.

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

Have faith that God will be with you to give you all that you will need to serve Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group a difficult assignment that God has given you to do for 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... \_\_\_\_\_

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Exodus 4

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## Journal

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

### What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

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### What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

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### Prayer Of Blessing

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

*May you go and serve the Lord, knowing that, He will be with you to help you.*

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### Prayer To Carry

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

*Lord, I will go and serve you, knowing that, you will be with me to help me.*

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### What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

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### A Question To Ask God

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how will you help me as I go and serve you today?*

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