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## Excuses

I have come up with a lot of those. **You have come up with a lot of what?** I have come up with a lot of excuses. **How so?** I'm sure that you know every excuse I have ever given to you. **Yes, I know. Yes, I remember. Yes, I knew your excuses before you even opened your mouth. But I would like us to talk about your excuses for not wanting to go and do what I have asked of you.** Right now? **Yes, right now. Let me hear your excuses.** I have said that you have asked too much from me. I have thought that your assignments have been far beyond what my gifts and talents and abilities could accomplish. **That's true.** Are you saying that I am correct? Are you saying that you have asked me to do what I could not accomplish? **That's exactly what I am saying.** I don't get it. Why would you asked me to do what I could not accomplish? **Let me ask you a couple questions.** Go ahead, I'm listening. **Have you ever asked me to work in and through you? Have you ever asked me to make you able to bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name?** Yes, I have asked you to work in and through me hundreds of times. I couldn't begin to count how many times I have prayed that prayer. **Did you want me to hear and answer that prayer?** Yes, of course, I did. **Would you like to know that I have heard and answered that prayer?** Yes, without a doubt, I want to know that you are working in and through me. **Do you see any problem here?** I'm not sure what you mean. **You will never need me to hear and answer your prayers if you only attempt to do what you can do. You will never know if I am working in and through you unless I make you able to do what you cannot do.** I see, I'm beginning to understand. **That's good. The truth of the matter is that you will never be able to accomplish anything of lasting and eternal value without my help. So, you will not bear fruit for my kingdom or bring glory to my name unless I am working in and through you.** I get it. I have a few more questions for you. I'm still listening, you have my full attention. **Haven't you also said that you wanted to grow strong in your faith? Haven't you told me that you want to come to rely fully on me? Haven't you also said that you want to live in an intimate relationship with me?** Yes, I have said all of these things. **My asking you to take on large assignments that you cannot accomplish by yourself is my way to accomplish all of these purposes in you. Do you understand what I am saying to you?** Yes Lord, I understand. **Will you stop making excuses and start saying yes to me?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I know that I have wanted to run away from many of your assignments. I have thought that they were too difficult for me. I have been sure that my efforts alone would never be enough to accomplish your work. I was right. Help me to rely fully on you. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Send Someone Else*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Send Someone Else*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Send Anyone Else*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Whoever Else*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Send Someone Else*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Send Somebody Else*

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!"

MSG Exodus 4:10-13

**Becoming Like Christ** *Some Other*

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. And he said, Oh, my Lord, I pray You, send by the hand of [some other] whom You will [send].

AMP Exodus 4:10-13

**Becoming Like Christ** *Send Someone Else*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Whoever You Will*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Send Someone Else*

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

# Send Someone Else

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**Becoming Like Christ** – 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?)***

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

**When have you felt overwhelmed by a task that the Lord has given you to do for Him?**

Why can you expect that the Lord will give you assignments that will cause you to rely on Him?

**How has your faith in the Lord grown as you have come to rely on Him for His help?**

**How has the Lord been with you to help you with the assignment He has given to you?**

How have you been faithful in continuing to do what the Lord has asked you to do for Him?

What gifts and talents and abilities has the Lord given you to serve Him?

How is your labor for the Lord bearing fruit for His kingdom bringing glory to His name?

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

Gladly accept the assignments that the Lord gives you to do for Him.

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

Have faith that the Lord will make you able to do whatever He asks you to do for Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group what assignment the Lord has given you to do for Him.

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**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?**

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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 gladly accept the assignments the Lord gives to you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will gladly accept the assignments you give to 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, what assignment do you want to give to me today?*

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