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Help You

Do you believe that? Do I believe what? **Do you believe that I will help you?** Yes, I believe that you will help me. **That is easy to say. Let me put more of a test to that question.** I'm game. **Great, here goes. Do you know that I will often ask you to go and do something for me that will not be easy?** That sounds like an understatement to me. **How so?** You often ask me to go and do what I think is far beyond my ability. By that, I mean that you will often ask me to go and do what is far beyond easy. **That is true. Why would I ask you to go and do what is beyond your own ability? Does that seem unfair to you? Do my requests seem unreasonable to you?** No, not at all. **Why do my requests not seem unfair or unreasonable to you?** I know what you are trying to accomplish in me. **What's that?** You want me to come to rely on you. You want me to place my faith in you. You want me to come to know you more intimately. You want to do in and through me what only you could have done. You want me to know that you are working in and through me to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. You want others to be drawn to you through the ways that you have worked in and through my life. You want me to give thanks and praise and honor to you for all that you have done in and through my life. Finally, you want me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. You want me to shine brightly as a witness for you in the world. **Yes, I want to do all these things in, for, and through you.** Would any of these goals of yours be accomplished if you were to only give me very easy assignments that I could accomplish by myself, without your help? No, not at all, there is no doubt about that. **You are very wise to know and think these thoughts. These are good reasons why I will continue to ask you to do what seems to be beyond your ability to accomplish. Will you go and do whatever I ask of you? Will you rely fully on me? Will you allow me to make you able to accomplish my purposes and fulfill my plans?** Yes Lord, I will. **That is very good.**

Lord, I know you will ask me to do what is beyond my ability. In the past, I would make excuses and try to get out of doing what you asked of me. No more. Now I rely on you. I know you will make me able to do whatever you ask of me. All my faith is in you. Amen

Promises*I Will Help You*

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NIV

Exodus 4:10-13

Promises*I Will Be With*

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

Promises*I Will Be With You*

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

Promises*I Will Be With*

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

Promises*I Will Be With*

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

Promises*I Will Be Right There With You*

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

Promises*I Will Be With*

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

Promises*I Will Help You*

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

Promises*I Will Be With*

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

Promises*I Will Help You*

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

I Will Help You

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – 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 has the Lord asked you to do something that you thought was far beyond your ability?

Why can you anticipate that the Lord will regularly ask you do something beyond your ability?

When have you tried to get out of doing something that the Lord asked you to do for Him?

How have you relied on the Lord to go and do what He asked you to do for Him?

Why will you often fail miserably trying to do something without relying on the Lord?

How have you come to know the Lord more intimately as you have relied on Him for His help?

Why will you never regret go and doing what the Lord has asked you to do for Him?

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

Rely on the Lord to make you able to go and do whatever He asks you to do for Him.

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.

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 made you able to do what He asked 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... _____

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 rely on the Lord as you go and do whatever He asks of you.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will rely on you as I go and do whatever you ask of me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want me to go and do for you today?
