



EXODUS 3:7-10

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EXODUS 4:2-3

Then the Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' 'A staff,' he replied. 3 The Lord said, 'Throw it on the ground.'

EXODUS 4:13

But Moses said, 'Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.'

ISAIAH 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

NOTES FOR LEADERS

We've had a great response to our Nation Changers Month through which we aim to impact our local communities. We encourage our LifeGroups to get involved and take ownership of one of the projects (some require time, some need money, and some require both). [You can find a list of projects here.](#)

START TALKING

1. What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? What challenged you or encouraged you?
2. What has God been doing in your world - what can we celebrate?

START THINKING

1. In Exodus 3&4 we see Moses making 5 big excuses as to why he should not be the one to get involved. What do you think was the root cause of Moses' excuses? Was it fear, lack of confidence, or something else? How do you relate to Moses' excuses?
2. Compare Moses' initial response to God with Isaiah's response in Isaiah 6:8. What can we learn from Isaiah's willingness? How can we cultivate an attitude of "Here am I. Send me!" in our own lives?

START SHARING

1. Have you ever felt unqualified or unprepared for a task? How did you handle it?
2. Can you think of a time when you saw an opportunity to help or serve others but felt hesitant? How might this story of Moses inspire you to act differently in the future?
3. What is one challenge you are currently facing that requires you to step out of your comfort zone?

START PRAYING

1. Pray for courage to overcome our insecurities and trust in God's promises.
2. Ask for a heart that is willing and eager to respond to God's call, like Isaiah.
3. Pray for opportunities to serve God and make a difference, and for the wisdom to recognise them and take action.

START DOING

As a group, select a project from the list ([see the catalogue here](#)) and be part of changing the nation.



This Sunday, Steve shared a challenging message in part two of our Nation Changers series.

In Exodus chapters 3 and 4 we read a story of Moses interacting with God. The context to this story is that God's people are in slavery in Egypt. God sees the human suffering in the world, and He's concerned. So He says to Moses, there's good news. I've come down to rescue them. *7 The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people ... I have heard them crying out ... and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them ... 10 So now, go. I am sending you ...'* Exodus 3:7-10

And when God wants to act or do great work in the world, He always looks for people through which to work. *2 Then the Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' 'A staff,' he replied. 3 The Lord said, 'Throw it on the ground.'* Exodus 4:2,3

You might think that after this amazing encounter with God that Moses was so inspired, and leapt into action immediately. But he didn't. In fact his response was possibly similar to some of ours... Moses was full of excuses as to why he should not do something!

In Exodus 3 & 4, Moses makes 5 excuses. These are the first 4:

1. I don't have what it takes (3:11)
2. I don't know enough (3:13)
3. What if I fail? (4:1)
4. I am not skilled enough (4:10)

And God responds to the excuses as follows:

Moses's Excuse	God's Answer
#1 I don't have what it takes (3:11)	I will be with you (3:12)
#2 I don't know enough (3:13)	I am sending you (3:14)
#3 What if I fail? (4:1)	I will use you
#4 I am not skilled enough (4:10)	I will help you (4:12)

All four of these excuses related to Moses's doubts and insecurities. Our responses are also based in our feelings of inadequacy - I don't have what it takes; I don't know enough. But Moses's story shows us that God is willing to help us with our doubts and insecurities.

But then Moses comes to his final excuse: *But Moses said, 'Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.'* (4:13)

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#5 I don't want to (4:13)	Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses ... (4:14)

For all of the other excuses, God had an amazing answer because they were linked to Moses's doubts and insecurities. But unwillingness greatly displeases God.

Why do you think God is so unhappy with Moses's unwillingness after all those incredible promises?

Our UNWILLINGNESS is usually linked to UNGRATEFULNESS and UNHELPLEFULNESS

1. UNGRATEFUL: Forgetting all that He has done for us
2. UNHELPLEFUL: Ignoring all that He wants to do for others

Moses **forgets** how much God has done for him personally (his whole life story), and he is **ignoring** God's heart to bring transformation to an entire nation.

So what should we do in response to God?

1. Move from "Not Me, Lord" to "Here am I. Send me!"

Moses was the "not me, Lord" example, but later on in the Old Testament, there's a prophet named Isaiah, whose response to an encounter with God is in complete contrast to Moses's response: *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'* Isaiah 6:8

Our main aim is a comfortable happy lives for ourselves but God's aim is for us to live for His Glory. Responding to Him isn't always comfortable, but it's always worth it!

2. Seize the opportunities

When we are willing, we're open to the opportunities that God brings to us. Through Nation Changers month there are 232 opportunities to get involved. Looking at the God who sees, cares and rescues, let's not miss the opportunity to be involved.