

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Problems for Promises? Part 2* (Exodus 3:15-4:26)

**Summary:** Even you cannot stop our faithful God from bringing His Word to pass. He's the "I AM". So will you be a faithful messenger or a faithless obstacle?.

### **1. Proclaim what the Lord has promised. (3:15-22)    2. Point to the Proofs of His Promises (4:1-9)**

### **3. Plan on His Help for Your Frailties (4:10-17)**

- When we read this account of Moses, we find he is no different than us. God calls us to do something right and noble and we start making excuses about why we cannot do it. Was it true when Moses said he was not eloquent? (Acts 7:22) Might our excuses be untrue? Can you list some of them?
- Why would Moses be reluctant? Did he care about the Hebrews being free from Egyptian bondage? How do we know? (Ex. 2:11-15) If we try and fail in obeying God, what is our means of trying again? What can encourage us to continue?
- God will not allow Moses' so-called speech impediment to be an impediment to the mission to which God is calling him. He answered Moses: "Who made man's mouth...?" and "I will be with your mouth..." (Ex. 4:11-12) How do these words from the Lord impact you as to your obedience, or reluctance, to obey?
- Ex. 4:13 "...please send someone else..." The following examples may help you hear yourself making a similar plea: "You go to VCU for evangelism. I'll pray for you." "Lord, please send my neighbor a co-worker at his job who will share the gospel with them." Can you list others? We know this is weakness. What then, will give us strength to obey God's call ourselves?
- God accommodated Moses to a degree by sending Aaron with him. Does this preclude Moses from having to go on the mission? So, if God "accommodates" us for our weakness, will He let us sit by? Why does God use the weak and the frail for his work? Give examples from scripture.

### **4. Provide Your Help to Aid God's Family (Ex. 4:18-26)**

- Moses went to his father-in-law Jethro to ask permission to leave. (Ex. 4:18) How old was Moses? What lesson can we learn from that situation? Moses desired to check on his "brothers," his family. What attachment should we feel toward our spiritual family? What types of things shall we do to reveal our love for our spiritual family? Suppose someone in our natural family feels called (away) to serve God in a special way. How shall we respond?
- Moses begins the trip to Egypt. (Ex. 4:20) God told him to speak with Pharaoh, but that Pharaoh would not let the people go because God would harden his heart. Can we learn a lesson here about sharing the gospel? How does knowing about the sovereignty of God affect our faithfulness?
- God gives Moses the words to say to Pharaoh in Ex. 4:22-23: "Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son... let my son go... (or) I will kill your firstborn son." What does this say of God's love for his own? Can we be sure that God is committed to us also? What proof do we have? Pastor Zaman referenced Romans 8:31. Can you list other verses as well?
- Ex. 4:24-26 is a curious passage. What lessons are here for mothers and fathers who have children in the home?