

THE HUMBLEST MAN ALIVE

Forty years earlier, Moses had confidence and perhaps even a bit of arrogance coming from a royal household. Therefore he boldly believed that he was Israel's deliverer (Acts 7.25). But fleeing to Midian, Moses learned a new lifestyle as a shepherd, and perhaps a little humility (Ex. 2.15ff; Acts 7.29). Therefore, when God appeared to him in the burning bush, five times Moses told Him that he was not capable (Ex. 3.11-13; 4.1-10). It was this humble man whom God sent to be "*a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel*" (Acts 7.35).

The example of Moses reminds us of what God can do in the lives even of those who feel inadequate. Moses felt unqualified to be a leader and deliverer. But in response to every one of his objections, God provided an answer. When Moses felt incapable, God promised to be with him (Ex. 3.11,12). When Moses did not know what to say, God gave him the words (Ex. 3.13-22). When Moses thought that he would be unable to convince them, God gave him signs to prove it (Ex. 4.1-9). When Moses believed that he did not have the skills, God promised to teach him what to say (Ex. 4.10-12). Every step of the way, Moses never had to rely on his own abilities, but trust that God would be with him.

When you feel incapable of getting through another day, God will give you the strength you need (2 Cor. 7-10). When you feel inadequate to take on the responsibilities of leadership in your family, in the church, in your community, God supplies the abilities we need (1 Pet. 4.11; 1 Cor. 3.5-8). When you feel as if you cannot talk to someone about the gospel, lead a prayer, sing a song, or give a little more, remember that it is God who is "*able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work*" (2 Cor. 9.8).

The best way to get through any difficultly and accomplish any work as a Christian is to remember that you are not capable, but God is. We need less self-confidence and more God-confidence. I know that I can do anything. Not because of my strengths and abilities. Because of the power of God who works in me (Phil. 4.13). CLP

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

SERVING GOD EVERY DAY

We ought to attend the worship of the church "*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some*" (Heb. 10.25). In fact, our regular attendance is commanded. However, our weekly assembly does not represent the totality of our spiritual duties. Indeed, a weekend Christian is a weakened Christian. God does not desire worship only on the first day of every week. He desires us to serve Him every day.

Every day we are threatened with temptation and forced to confront the wiles of the devil. It is not enough to meet on the first day of the week to combat our adversary. Instead we "*exhort one another daily*" (Heb. 3.13). Just as we get dressed and begin our day every day, we also daily ought to "*put on the whole armor of God*" (Eph. 6.10).

The apostle Paul did not serve God once or twice a week. Every day he fought temptation. Every day he sacrificed. Every day he set out to do the work of the Lord. It was such a way of life that Paul writes that he is in jeopardy "*every hour*" and that he "*dies daily*" (1 Cor. 15.30,31).

Jesus made daily service a necessary part of being a disciple. **LUKE 9.23:** "*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*" CLP

TRUST AND OBEY

HEBREWS 11:6

INTRODUCTION:

1. Our faith reflects how we see God. We have a faith that pleases God because we see Him as trustworthy. (Heb. 11.6)
2. In the book of Numbers, the word “believe” only appears twice in thirty-six chapters. But receiving the inheritance required faith.
3. From the book of Numbers, we learn two facts about faith.

I. THE BASIS OF FAITH

- A. Faith is based on the word of God.
 1. **NUMBERS 14.11:** *“How long will they not believe Me”*
 2. **CONTEXT:** The children of Israel refused to enter the land of Canaan because of unbelief. (Num. 13.31-33)
 3. Yet God said, *“I will give it to you”* (Num. 10.29; 23.19)
- B. Faith is based on the agency of God.
 1. **NUMBERS 14.11:** *“with all the signs which I have performed among them?”*
 2. God performed miracles through Moses *“that the people may hear...and believe”* (Ex. 19.9).
- C. A faith that pleases God is a faith that hears and accept the Bible as the word of God.
 1. **ROMANS 10.17:** *“Faith comes by hearing...”*
 2. **HEBREWS 2.1-4:** *“give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard...confirmed to us”*

II. THE BEHAVIOR OF FAITH

- A. Faith is obedient.
 1. **NUMBERS 20.12:** *“Because you did not believe Me”*
 2. **CONTEXT:** Being exasperated with the children of Israel, Moses struck the rock. (Num. 20.3,12)
 3. They brought themselves glory. (Num. 20.10; Ps. 106.33)
 4. They disobeyed God. (Num. 20.11; Num. 27.14)
- B. A faith that pleases God is a faith that is obedient to the glory of God.
 1. Faith is connected with obedience. (Heb. 3.16-19)
 2. Obedience brings glory to God. (Num. 10.3; Matt. 5.16)

CONCLUSION: Have you believed to the point that you obey the commands in reference to salvation?

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A young preacher started his new work with a congregation after their previous preacher retired. Just before the sermon, he sat in the front pew next to his predecessor. When the time came, he proudly stood up, walked up the to pulpit, opened his mouth, but nothing came out. He had forgotten everything that he wanted to say. He stepped down humbled and ashamed. The retired preacher whispered, “If you would have stepped up to the pulpit with the attitude you had when you came down, you would have been able to come down with the attitude you had when you went up there.”

Humility an attitude required by everyone who serves God. He *“resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble”* (1 Pet. 5.5). Though God is the *“High and Lofty One,”* He dwells with the one who is *“contrite and humble”* (Isa. 57.15). The Bible tells us of certain individuals who had this humble attitude. From these Bible characters, there are things we can learn about living a humble life.

In this article, we will give consideration to Moses. In Numbers 12, Aaron and Miriam spoke against Moses saying, *“Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses?”* (Num. 12.2). When God heard it, He took Aaron and Miriam aside for a chat. He told them how He reveals His word to prophets through dreams and visions. But when it came to Moses, *“He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face”* (Num. 12.7,8). Aaron and Miriam speak against Moses. God defends Moses. And in this context, you will read this parenthetical statement: *“Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth”* (Num. 12.3).

Consider the role that Moses played in Israel’s history. He was *“learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.”* The word translated as “mighty” is “dynamai” and carries the idea of being capable. It is the same word used in reference to God *“who is able”* (Eph. 3.20). Moses was capable when it came to the things he said and the things he did. In other words, Moses was articulate and skilled.

In spite of his eloquent speech and skillful hands, Moses told God in Exodus 3 that He was incapable of bring the children of Israel out of bondage. In Exodus 4, He told God that was *“not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue”* (Ex. 4.10).

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