

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

APRIL 10, 2024

EXODUS 4:10-12

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Feelings of inadequacy real or imagined will not excuse you from your God-assigned responsibilities. God never expects of us more than we can do.
2. Moses was called by God to do a difficult task of being a deliverer and leader of Israel. The feelings of inadequacy of this humble man (Num. 12.3) did not excuse him.
3. HIS FOURTH OBJECTION: *“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”* (Ex. 4.10).

### I. THE PROBLEM OF MOSES

- A. Why did Moses hesitate to carry out the task that God assigned?
  1. **EXODUS 4.10:** *“O my Lord”* A statement of emphatic plea. (cf. Ex. 3.11,13; 4.1)
  2. **EXODUS 4.10:** *“I am not eloquent”*
    - a) “Eloquent” is literally, “man of words.” Moses was not an orator. (Acts 18.24,28)
    - b) Moses was not claiming to be unintelligent. (Acts 7.22)
  3. **EXODUS 4.10:** *“but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue”*
    - a) “Slow” (kated): “heavy, severe, difficult” Moses was inarticulate. (Ex. 6.12)
    - b) Moses was slow in both speech and tongue. What he says and how he says it.
- B. Why do we hesitate to carry out the difficult responsibilities given to us?
  1. Though God is capable of acting directly, He has delegated many responsibilities to His people. (Ex. 3.10; 2 Tim. 2.2; 1 Thess. 5.14)
  2. Everyone has unique abilities. (Rom. 12.4-8; 1 Cor. 12.18,27-30)
  3. However, a lack of ability does not mean a lack of responsibility. (2 Cor. 10.10; 11.6)
  4. Is it a matter of pride? Do you want to be an orator? (1 Cor. 1.18-20; 4.8-10)

### II. THE PATIENCE OF GOD

- A. How did God respond to Moses?
  1. **EXODUS 4.11:** *“So the LORD said to him”* The One who created everything.
  2. **EXODUS 4.11:** *“Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?”*
    - a) Does this mean that God is responsible for disabilities? (cf. John 9.1-3)
    - b) The One who gave him his mouth knew what Moses was capable of achieving.
  3. **EXODUS 4.12:** *“Now therefore, go”*
    - a) Since God knew the abilities of Moses, he was therefore to go as commanded.
    - b) **EXODUS 4.12:** *“and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”*
- B. The way God responded to Moses is the way He responds to us.
  1. We are never expected to do that which is beyond our abilities.
    - a) Jesus defended the woman because *“she has done what she could”* (Mark 14.6-8).
    - b) We are not expected to give *“according to what he does not have”* (2 Cor. 8.12).
    - c) In the parable of the talents, the servants were given responsibilities *“each according to his own ability”* (Matt. 25.14,15).
  2. We have more abilities than we think we do.
    - a) The Macedonians gave *“beyond their ability”* (2 Cor. 8.1-3).
    - b) Develop God confidence rather than self-confidence. (Ex. 4.12; Eph. 6.18,19)