

Moses

What I Do When God Calls

Answering God's call requires that I...

1. See God's vision

When the LORD saw Moses was coming to look at the bush, God called to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." Exodus 3:4-5 (NCV)

The LORD said, "I have seen the troubles my people have suffered in Egypt, and I have heard their cries when the Egyptian slave masters hurt them. I am concerned about their pain, and I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them out of that land and lead them to a good land with lots of room—a fertile land." Exodus 3:7-8 (NCV)

2. Deal with my excuses

So now I am sending you to the king of Egypt. Go! Bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt! Exodus 3:10 (NCV)

Common excuses...

- **A poor self-image**

But Moses said to God, "I am not a great man! How can I go to the king and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?" Exodus 3:11 (NCV)

- **Personal shortcomings**

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." Exodus 4:10 (NCV)

- **Fear**

But Moses said, "Please, Lord, send someone else..." Exodus 4:13 (NCV)

For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7 (ASV)

- **My past**

When Moses answered, "What if the people of Israel do not believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" Exodus 4:1 (NCV)

3. Get moving

So Moses took his wife and his sons...and started back to Egypt. He took with him the walking stick of God. Exodus 4:20 (NCV)

How to answer the "call" ...

- **Listen for God**

- **Talk to God**

- **Eliminate excuses**

- **Say "yes" to God**

When the LORD saw that he had caught Moses' attention, God called to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. Exodus 3:4 (NLT)