

There is a Way Out
Part #4 – Excuses, Excuses, Excuses!
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Excuse #1 – Questioning Ourselves
(Exodus 3:11-12)

Moses – “Who am I ...?” – A question of self-**concept** and self-confidence.

God – “I will be with you ...” A statement of presence and reassurance.

Principle to live by – Intimidation has a root system that goes down into our **past**.

Excuse #2 – Questioning God
(Exodus 3:13-15)

Moses – “Who are you ...?” – A question of authority and accountability.

God – “I AM WHO I AM – A name that is **before**, above and **beyond** every other name.

Principle to live by – Before we go on his behalf, we should know the one who sends us.

Excuse #3 – Questioning Others
(Exodus 4:1-9)

Moses – “What if they don’t believe me ...?” - A question of receptivity and acceptance.

God – “What is that in your hand? – A statement of provision and power.

Principle to live by – Fear of a poor **outcome** will keep us from coming to the starting line.

Excuse #4 – Questioning our Competency
(Exodus 4:10-12)

Moses – “I don’t speak well ...!” – A complaint of incompetency and inadequacy.

God – “Who gave man his mouth?” – A promise of intentionality and purpose.

Principle to live by – Comparing ourselves to others can leave us with feelings of **inferiority**.

Excuse #5 – Questioning our Availability
(Exodus 4:13-17)

Moses – “O LORD, please send someone else to do it.” – A request to be ‘excused’.

God – “You shall speak to him (Aaron) and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.” – An important assignment that would be accomplished ‘in community’.

Principle to live by – HARD is a four-letter word that keeps us from **trying**.

“God never gives a leader an easy task”

- John Ortberg