

NO EXCUSES

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LUKE 14:15-24 NLT

Ben Franklin said, “He that is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.” Although legitimate, these excuses reveal misplaced priorities. Those first invited won’t have the smallest taste of the banquet. Making excuses is nothing new: Abraham and Sarah were too old, Isaiah was too sinful, Jeremiah was too young, Jonah – God is too merciful.

MOSES’ FIVE EXCUSES:

1. Who am I? **EX. 3:11-12** D.L. Moody said “Moses sense of self was affected by his life experiences. He spent forty years thinking he was somebody, forty years learning he was a nobody, and forty years discovering what God would do with a nobody.
 - a. We all can relate to feelings of inadequacy. Moses learned what qualifies us is God’s divine enablement, not our abilities.
2. I’m not smart enough, **EX. 3:13** Who is? What is most important is found in **Vs14-15**.
 - a. Instead of using what we don’t know as an excuse, our focus should be on knowing God can use what we know, and He will increase what we know as we surrender our lives to Him.
3. Who will believe me? **EX. 4:1** Not everyone believed Jesus, **JOHN 1:11-12**; Not everyone believed Paul, **ACTS 28:24**; Not everyone will believe us, **MK. 16:15-16**.
4. I’m not good with words, **EX.4:10-12 NLT** Stephen had a different view of Moses, **ACTS 7:22 NLT**. No matter how eloquent our speech is, what matters is that our words are rooted in love and humility.
5. Someone else can do a better job, **EX. 4:13 NLT** God has an answer for all our reasons and excuses. He chooses who He chooses and equips and empowers those He chooses to use.

CONCLUSION: With God there are no valid excuses for not yielding our lives to be used by Him.