

Does God's Call on Your Life Overwhelm You?

Have you ever felt like God has called you to do something for Him? It could be something like witness to someone or even step into a certain career path. As soon as you felt the Lord speak to you, excitement filled your heart and mind. Shortly after the burst of excitement you started doubting yourself and soon you allowed insecurities, shame and past failures to talk you out of what God laid on your heart.

I'm reminded of the story of Moses in the Bible. We find Moses tending to another man's sheep in Exodus 3. He was on the back side of the desert when the Lord spoke to him through a burning bush. The Lord found Moses to be faithful, watching and leading another man's sheep, and now wanted to promote him to lead His flock to the Promise Land and out of bondage.

We find Moses in Exodus 3 having a conversation with the Lord that many of us have had in the past. The Lord plainly explains to Moses what is on His heart and what He is calling him to do. Exodus 3:7-8 says, "The Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. Therefore, I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

Have you ever felt like God asked you to do something that was out of your league, maybe it scared you to death? Well that means most likely that it was from the Lord. If God asked us to do something simple that would probably take faith out of the equation.

When you take on a big task from the Lord it will drive you to

your knees in prayer. When the task is over, you will find yourself giving *God* all the glory because you couldn't have done it on your own strength. This is how you exercise your faith! When the Lord calls you to do something, you better do it or you will sit by on the couch of life and watch someone else do what God has called you to do!

Over the next few chapters God keeps confirming to Moses that He will be with him and He can set the people free from Pharaoh. Moses comes back not once, twice or even three times but *four*! Moses keeps telling God why he can't accomplish the task He has called him to do.

Remember, if God calls you to do something, He will give you provision for the vision. Here are Moses' four responses to God. Moses felt so unworthy of the calling that he tried to talk himself out of it.

"Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?' And He said, 'Certainly I will be with you, and this will be a sign to you, that I have sent you: When you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, all of you shall serve God on this mountain.' Moses said to God, 'I am going to the children of Israel and will say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." When they say to me, "What is His name?" what shall I say to them?'" (Ex. 3:11-13).

"Then Moses said to the Lord, 'O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant. But I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue'" (Ex. 4:9-10).

Many people who sit on pews week in and week out have been asked by God in our lifetime to do various things for him. Some have answered the call and others have hung up the phone on the Lord. Many times people feel so *unworthy* to do what God has *called* them to do.

Remember, God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the

called! You are just whom the Lord is looking for to do His next grand adventure! Many lives can and will be changed for the kingdom of God with a simple yes in your spirit. Remember, you may feel unworthy but you're called! Now go make a difference in the world for Jesus!

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