

Moses with an Inferiority Complex

Exodus 3:1-14

*Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **Exodus 3:1***

*There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” **Exodus 3:2-3***

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, "Here I am."

Exodus 3:4

*"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. **Exodus 3:5-6***

*The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. **Exodus 3:7***

So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with

milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Exodus 3:8

And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” **Exodus 3:9-10**

But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”
Exodus 3:11

And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”
Exodus 3:12

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" **Exodus 3:13**

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' " **Exodus 3:14**

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

Romans 12:3

God doesn't use proud people.
But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes

the proud but gives grace to the humble.” **James 4:6**

If you believe God created, then nothing is impossible with God. He is supernatural.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **Gen. 1:1**

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But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.” **Habakkuk 2:20**

Stand in Awe of God

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.
Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

Jehovah, Yahweh, means the Eternal One.

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Exodus 3:14

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?"
Exodus 4:1

But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take

some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.”

Exodus 4:9

Moses said to the Lord, “O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.” **Ex. 4:10**

Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

Acts 7:22

But Moses said, “O Lord, please send someone else to do it.”

Exodus 4:13

**Inferiority is not humility.
Inferiority is simply self-centeredness. It is a lack of faith.**

Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses **Exodus 4:14a**

Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you." **Exodus 4:14**

1. Moses acknowledged that he had potential.

Moses had to learn to maintain the balance between humility and confidence.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. **Ephesians 3:20-21**

God never gives us a whole lot to work with, but little becomes much in the hand of God.

2. Moses accepted the new responsibility.

Moses had to learn to maintain the balance between humility and confidence.

Nothing minimizes inadequacy like beginning to accomplish and make progress.

3. Moses believed in God's care for him individually.

Moses had to learn to maintain the balance between humility and confidence.

Intrinsically valueless things can be valued beyond all price if they are loved by important people.

***They are not valuable because
there is worth in them,
but valuable because they are
loved.***

*All of us have become like one who
is unclean, and all our righteous
acts are like filthy rags; we all
shrivel up like a leaf, and like the
wind our sins sweep us away.*

Isaiah 64:6

*I know that nothing good lives in
me, that is, in my sinful nature. For
I have the desire to do what is
good, but I cannot carry it out.*

Romans 7:18

**Our value comes from God's love
for us.**

*This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his
Son as an atoning sacrifice for our
sins. 1 John 4:10*